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Beleeve the Promises, so shall you prosper.

By beleeving and applying the Promises wee come to participate of the divine nature.

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2 Pet. 1. 4. *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises, that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature.*

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1 Cor. 7. 1. *Having therefore these Promises (dearely beloved) let us cleanse our selves from all filthinesse of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holinesse in the feare of God.*

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TO
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
and happy Society of all true Be-
lievers militant in *England*,
Scotland, and Iceland,

A Friend to you, and the *Author* wisheth fulnesse of Grace, Peace, and heavenly comfort, certaine assurance, sealed evidence, and seasonable entrance into, and possession of the celestiall, promised, incorruptible, undefiled, and never fa-
ding inheritance.

BEloved Believers, both you and I, are infinitely beholden to our ever-living Father, who hath made his will

and given all us his children great wealth, rich portions, and large Legacies, now in present possession; graces, and comforts, in unshaken expectation and assured reversion, perfection and eternall glory. We are greatly beholding to *Jehova* for his will directory, hortatory, correctory, but most of all for his will consolatory, in which he salves all our sores; physicks all our sicknesses, medicines all our maladies, *Psalm* 103. 4. Heales all our diseases, and crownes us with loving kindnesse and tender mercies. And surely wee are all of us much

much beholding to the holy Authour of this ſweet (though little) book, who hath ſo piouſly, painfully, & profitably peruſed the holy will of our heavenly Father, & wiſely ſought and found out & put into our hands, the ſpirituall portion, & Soule Legacies, given and bequeathed unto us by our beſt friend, many of which, moſt ſcarce knew of, few ſought and ſued for them, and very few comfortably enjoyed and wiſely and diligently uſed to the donors glory & their own good. Careleſſe children come often-times to be beholden unto their

more carefull brethen and thriving friends, who save all they have, sue for all that is promised, and seeke for all they heare of: so is it here, we careleſſe, negligent, poore and il thriven Christians, muſt be beholding to this carefull, diligent, rich and well thriven Author, who obeyes *Pauls* counſell, 1 *Cor.* 12. 31. covets earneſtly the beſt gifts and wil not ſuffer the heavenly Father to purſe & keepe a penny that is due, to with-hold grace or comfort (which hee hath promiſed) in whole, or degree, but he ſhall heare of his promiſe, and if he doe not preſently

ſently fulfill according to covenant, a petition is ſpeedily drawne, to be preferred in the Court of heaven, and an Advocate prepared Ieſus Chriſt the righteous, 1 *John* 2. 1. Suite (by prayer) begun, and in an eager purſuit continued, till the thing promiſed be performed.

This little Book, and private practiſe of the Authour (who hath ſued for all theſe Legacies, and in ſome good meaſure hath attained the ſame, and thereby is become ſpirituall rich, will ſufficiently prove what I have ſpoken. We are much beholden to this Authour, for letting us

see our portions and Legacies in our Fathers will, and setting us a worke both by penne and practise to sue for the same.

The volume is little, but the vertue contained in the same is great. The book is extraordinary, being altogether for application and practise. The scope & drift of it is, to furnish Believers with abundance of good, to free them from all sins inward, outward, secret, and open; To fill them with all graces in life, power, and exercise; To bring them comfort in, and seasonable deliverance from all their troubles; To draw downe upon

their ſoules and bodies abundance of bleſſings of all ſorts and natures: to give them full aſſurance of certaine and ſeaſonable entrance into glory, and to give them faſt hold of heaven.

There are many, I know, that will little regard it: the Prophane perſon will not like it, for it is full of holineſſe: the carnall Proteſtant will not diſcern of it, nor reliſh it, for it is ſpirituall: the diſſembling hypocrite will not well approve of it, for it will rob him of his *Ammon*, ſlay his Miſs his *Dalilah*, his *Herodias*, his darling ſin, it will tell

tell him, if he applies promiſes, he muſt keepe the conditions, obey precept, & put every iniquity, though never ſo pleaſurable or profitable, farre away from his Tabernacles. But the honeſt hearted and ſincere Beleever will approve of it, prize it, uſe it, and profit by it.

And not to over commend my commodity, as one deſirous to make it more vendible, and ſaleable (for neither I, nor its Author, God is witneſſe, ayme at any ſuch thing, but at the ſpiritual good of their ſoules unto whom it ſhall come) this little Book, like a well filled little A-

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pothecaries ſhoppe, containes within it heavenly receipts of all ſorts, wholeſome phyſick of every kind for expelling & curing all ſorts of diſeaſes & ſickneſſes incident to Saints, and for the corroborating and ſtrengthning of new nature, & for keeping the ſpirituall man in good health, luſty & ſtrong, able for Gods ſervice, *Phil.* 2. 12 and for working out his own ſalvation with feare and trembling. What here I ſpeake unto one Beleever, I intend for all.

Hath ſin that deadly poyſon infected thee? Loe here in this little Booke an Antidote, a preſervative

ſervative which will extract and expell this poyſon. Hath this ſerpent ſo fiery ſtung thee? *Num.* 21. 8. Loe here the *Brazen Serpent* upon the pole. Hath it beggered & undone thee? *Ioh.* 3. 14, 15. Behold a way in this book how thou mayſt become rich. Doth it daily trouble thee, will it needs tyrannize and domineere over thee? This little book will learn thee to depoſe this tyrant, *Rom.* 6. 14. and tell thee he ſhall not have dominion and Lordſhip over thee. Hath it ſtricken thee dead? Loe here is meanes of reviving & inlivening thee to an happy life of grace.

grace. Doth it threaten thy ruine? Loe here Physicke for thy feares, *Cor* 15.35. death hath lost its sting, sin is destroyed, death shall fully and finally free thee from it. Art thou hunted like a poore Lamb by the hellish devouring Lyon, Satan, and chased before this infernal dogge, like a silly Deere, in temptations? Loe here a thicket, a shelter, a shepherd, under which thou mayst repose and rest thy self in safety. Art thou overcom with his wily stratagems? loe here wisdome. Art thou beaten downe with his power? loe here strength. Feareſt thou the

fiery

fiery darts of this evill one? Loe here a little house full of targets, shields, and bucklers, *Ephes* 6. 16. (promises applied by faith) which will repell and quench them. *Iob.* 6. 4. Doe Gods terrours set themselves in aray against thee? are Gods arrowes in thee? doth his flaming wrath burne in thy bosom, and is likely to consume thee? Loe streams of mercy and grace from a refreshing fountaine, fluent in the pipes of the promises, by thy hand of faith turn the cock, and the coole water of Gods grace and mercy shall flow forth upon thy soule, and allay its burning

ing heat, and inflammations. Doth the wilie world indeavour to entangle and inveagle thee by its lures and snares? Loe here liberty, freedome, better things propounded, & promised, which Believers doe for the present in some measure enjoy, and shall have a most certaine and full possession of afterwards. Wantest thou Grace, comfort, deliverance, blessing, or any good thing? Behold, here thou maist have them, to the great joy of thine heart, and content of thy spirit.

Set faith a worke to draw out what thou wantest, and thou shalt

shalt have it. Sucke these sweet and heavenly breasts of God by the mouth of thy faith; open these pipes and veines of the promises, which runne so full of mercy, grace, truth, comfort, joy & peace, for every Believer, by faith; and thou shalt bee satiate with every good thing.

Lest I should make too great a porch for this little house, and too great gates for this little City, I will conclude, with an exhortation to all my beloved brethren and sisters which are Believers, to perfect their faith by application of the promises, both

both of these in this sweet little Book, and of all others, contained in the Old and New Testament.

Suffer not Gods promises (as I may so say) to milke themselves, doe you draw them, let not good rest with God, which you may have by beleeving & begging, to your great comfort and enriching, but take Gods commodities off his hand, trade with that wealthy Merchant in the farre Country, the Lord Iesus in heaven, for his rich commodities of graces and comforts, and glorious hopes, until you be rich and wealthy; and

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for this purpose cause those two good factours, *Faith* and *Prayer*, founded upon, and quickned & confirmed by the pretious promises, alway to trade for you in heaven, untill you come thither your selves. I would desire all beleevers to make this their pocket booke, that it may solicite and wooe them to prayer, make solid and firme their faith, increase their graces, comforts, and heavenly hopes, prepare them for enduring the stormes of trouble & tempests of temptations, and may encourage them in holy well-doing and Christian perseverance

ſeverance unto the end. *Heb.*6. 12. Now brethren, my hearts deſire is, that ye be not ſlothful; but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the Promiſes.

That you may be inheritors of them, it ſhall be my daily prayer unto the Lord my God, to beſtow upon your hearts to uſe all good meanes, for the attaining of the good, in theſe & other promiſes of God unto his people: that he would teach and enable you to meditate upon them diligently day and night, to beleeve them firmely, to apply them ſeverally, particularly,

larly, personally, to sue for them earnestly by prayer constant and fervent, to waite for their promised accomplishment by patience, that so you may enjoy the good of them here and hereafter, which God in mercy grant unto mee, and also you, *Amen.*

To the Reader.

MAN which at the begining was created happy, *Genes.* 1. 26. *Ephes.* 2. 10. having now lost God and his Image, is of all earthly creatures become most miserable, no lesse than a slave of the devill, a child of wrath, & an heire of eternall damnation, *Ephes.* 2. 2, 3. This is not the estate of a few only, but of all mankind out of Christ, for we are all by nature under the curse, 2 *Cor.* 4. 4. *Rom.* 5. 19. *Gal.* 3. 10. The best, before their conversion, were by nature children of wrath, even as others *Ephes.* 2. 3. *Rom.* 5. 12. for every man

mans child did fall equally in *Adam:* hence it comes to passe, that no man by nature is now in better esteem with God then other. *Cain* and *Abel* as children of the first *Adam* onely were equally miserable; the like may bee said of us all, for both Iewes & Gentiles are come under sinne, *Rom.* 3. 9. and as the *Psalmist* saith, We all are gon out of the way, we are altogether become filthy, there is none righteous no not one, *Psal.* 14. 3. O that men & women had their eyes enlightened, and judgements convinced of that woeful plight in which naturally they are! Oh! were their hearts throughly loaden therewith, surely they would not long content themselves therein. The truth is, most in the world are spiritually blind, and cannot discerne their owne misery; and spiritually dead too, 1. *Iohn.* 5. 19. *Eph.* 2. 1. 5. and cannot be affected with it: The Holy

Ghost

Ghoſt ſaith thus of them, *Ephe.*4.18. 19. *They walke in the vanity of their mind, having their underſtanding darkned, and are ſtrangers from the life of God, through the ignorance which is in them, becauſe of the hardneſſe of their hearts: who being paſt feeling, have given themſelves unto wantonneſſe, to worke all uncleaneneſſe with greedineſſe.* Such as theſe, are ſo far from having any right to Gods promiſes, that for the preſent they are under the curſe, & conſequently in the dint of all the plagues & threatnings in Gods book. *Deut.*27.*ult. Deut.*28.56,63. Wherefore let not ſuch as yet chalenge any comfort from the Promiſes, but let them rather labour to the uttermoſt of their power, in uſing all good meanes to be made capable and fit ſubjects for mercy revealed in the Promiſes. Is it not pitty ſo many ſweete promiſes of life ſhould be

made, and yet thou dye and be damned notwithstanding? Pray fervently to God that he would touch thy heart with griefe for all thy sins, and worke in thee a cleare apprehension of thine owne unworthinesse, *Act.* 2. 37. *Luk.* 15. 19. and that he would bestow faith on thee, that by it thou maist be able to goe wholly out of thy self to God, through Jesus Christ for salvation.

Wee having departed from him, who is the God of al grace and consolation, are falne into an estate of all baseneſſe, desolation, and misery; and cannot be recovered againe into the former estate of spiritual life, and happinesse, unlesse we be brought againe to him who is the foundation of life and happinesse, even the living God: and brought to him we can never be, but by faith, *Heb.* 11. 6. which is nothing els but the going out of the

ſoule to God through Christ, to fetch a new principle of ſpirituall life, and grace, which once in *Adam* we loſt, and now need. The which worke of faith is not wrought but by the promiſes, & being wrought in our hearts gives us a moſt ſure right & intereſt, *unto all the promiſes of grace*, *Rom.* 10. 8.17. *Heb.*6.12.17. Thus we through faith and patience, are ſaid to inherit the promiſes, therefore we are called the heires of the promiſe: the promiſes are as well ours, who truely beleeve, as heaven it ſelfe is; Now by theſe heavenly promiſes, God our Father hath engaged himſelfe as a debtor to us his poore children for all things needfull to life and godlineſſe, 2 *Pet.* 1.3. untill that bleſſed time comes when we ſhall be put into full poſſeſſion of all things which wee have now onely in promiſe: at that time *Faith* ſhall end in fruition, & *Promiſe*

ſes in performance. As the ſoule is the life of the body, and faith the life of the ſoule, ſo are Gods Promiſes the life of faith. For from whence hath faith his efficacy, but becauſe it layes hold on the free promiſes? but from whence have the promiſes their ſtrength? even from the conſtant nature of *Jehovah*, 2 *Cor.* 1.20. who alwaies gives a being to his word. Deſireſt thou faith? then take notice of Gods promiſes: wouldſt thou have thy faith like the light in the Lords Sanctuary never to goe out? then acquaint thy ſelf with Gods promiſes, know them well, meditate on them, confer about them: let them be continually in thy mind, memory, heart, and tongue. Satan laboureth in nothing more than to keepe us in unbeliefe, eſpecially of particular promiſes, for he knows if we beleeve them, we ſhal in al things have the victory,

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come before God with boldnes, carry peace in our own bosomes to our graves, and doe, and suffer any thing for God. 1 *John* 5. *Eph.* 2. *Rom.* 15. *Heb.* 11. Oh the abundance of sweet cordiall comfort, which all humble beleevers draw by faith out of every promise! now beloved, these pretious *Promises* (our breasts of consolation) whereupon our happinesse so much depends, lie hid in the holy Scripture, as veines of gold in the earth, *Isa.* 66. 11, 12. Surely, those that search those mines to bring to light these treasures, are worthy of great cõmendation. Wherefore I doubt not but the good paines of this blessed and faithfull servant of God will finde good entertainement of all the children of the promises, that hope to entertaine them, who hath with great care and good evidence of spiritual understanding discovered & compiled the va-

riety and use of all the promises in matters temporall, spirituall, and eternall. So that here is a medicine for every disease, and a salve for every sore. Read them carefully, & ponder them seriously, and apply them faithfully. And I beseech the good Lord, who is the Authour of them, that by his holy Spirit he would make them powerfull, and effectuall in us.

Consider what is said, and the Lord give us understanding in all things, 2 Tim. 2. 7.

Rules

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN READING OF *PROMISES.*

WHatsoever Promise is made in generall to all the faithfull, every one must particularly apply it to themselves, as Gen. 3. 14. *the* Messiah *is promised to all, every one must apply him to themselves.*

2. *Whatsoever promise is made to any one of the faithfull (if there be not some particular reason which tyes it to his person, as was to* Abraham *for a sonne, and his seed to inherit the land of Canaan) every child of God hath right to it: as you may see,* Joshuah 1. 5. *I will*

not faile thee, nor forsake thee. *This every one may apply to themselves, as we know the Holy Ghost applyes it*, Heb. 13.5. For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. *Which teacheth us to do the like in all the rest of the promises.*

3. *Under temporall promises to the Jewes, are set forth the excellent promised graces, which God will give to his people after the comming of Christ*, Ezek. 34.25, 26, 27.

4. *When we reade the conditions of the promises, they are not like to the duties of the Law, made to the perfect fulfillers of them; the promises are Evangelicall, made to those which endeavour to keepe them, and the maine conditions of them are faith.*

5. *In all the promises for increase of grace, or meanes of grace, or for any earthly things, wee must know wee shall have them so farre performed to us, as*

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the Lord ſeeth good for us.

6. *In our weake endeavourings to keep the promiſes, we muſt beleeve the performance to us, in, by, and through Chriſt;* In whom al the promiſes of God are yea, and Amen, *that is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him,* 2 Cor. 2. 20. *when we can ſee nothing in our ſelves, why they ſhould be performed to us, even then we are to claime them for Chriſts ſake, if thou be in Chriſt: for if thou be not in him, no promiſe belongs to thee: but that threatnings and judgements are thy portion, and nothing elſe can we claime as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and howling is that which God requireth of us, and not laying hand upon the comfortable promiſes, till we hunger after Chriſt; which God grant we may do more and more, till we come to be ſatisfied with his Image in the life to come.* Pſal. 17. 15.

the Lord seeth good for us.

6. In our whole endeavourings to keep the promises we must believe the performance to us, by, and through Christ; In whom all the promises of God are yea, and Amen, that is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him, 2. Cor. 2. 10. whereunto we are nothing in our selves, why they should be performed to us, even then we are to claime them for Christs sake; if thou be in Christ: for if thou be not in him, no promise belongs to thee: but that threatnings and judgements are the portion, and nothing else can we claime as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and howling is that which God requireth of us, and not laying hand upon the comfortable promises, till we hunger after Christ; which God grant we may do more and more, till we come to be satisfied with his Image in the life to come. Psal. 17. 15.

THE SAINTS LEGACIES,

These promises I have observed for spirituall things.

The I. Legacy.

If we finde nothing in our selves that may move God.

WHen we finde nothing in our selves that might move the Lord to have mercy, then apply these promises, Isai. 43. 1.

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even I am he, that blotteth out thy transgression for mine owne sake, and will not remember thy sinne, Isai. 44. 22. *I have blotted out as a thicke cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sinnes: returne unto me, for I have redeemed thee.*

Jer. 31. 34. *I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Ezek. 36. 25. *I will sprinckle cleane water upon you, and ye shall be cleane from all your filthinesse.*

Isai. 57. 18. *I have seene his wayes, and will heale him, I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him, and to his mourners.*

These promises are free, made by the Lord, not for any thing that is in man, as you may see, in *Isaiah* 43. from the 22. verse, to the 25. for the Lord saith, they had not called upon him, but wearied the Lord, brought him no offering, yea wearyed him with their sinnes; and yet in the 25.

verse,

verſe he ſaith, for his owne ſake hee would forgive their ſinnes.

Theſe promiſes wee ſhall have alwayes need of, as at our converſion, ſo afterwards many times we ſhall in our owne feeling find nothing in our ſelves to perſwade us of the pardon of our ſinnes, then wee muſt flye to theſe free promiſes. When thou ſeeſt nothing in thy ſelfe why the Lord ſhould pardon thy ſinnes, and therefore doubteſt of the pardon of them, apply, *I am he that puts away thy ſinnes for mine owne ſake.*

When thy ſinnes riſe up as a cloud, that thou canſt ſee nothing but them apply, *I have put away thy ſinnes as a cloud.*

When thou feareſt the multitude of thy ſins, apply, *You ſhall be cleane from all your ſinnes.*

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The II. LEGACY.

If we feare God will remember our sinnes to punish them.

WHen we feare God will remember our sinnes before committed, to punish us for them, apply *Jer.* 31. 34. *I will remember his sinne no more,* Ezeck. 18. 22. *All transgressions which he hath committed shall not be mentioned to him, but in the righteousnes which he hath done, shall be live.* Ezeck. 33. 16. *None of his sinnes that he hath committed shall be mentioned to him.*

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The III. Legacy.

If often ſinning cauſe thee doubt of pardon.

WHen thine often ſinning cauſeth thee to feare that God will not pardon thee, apply, Job 33. 27,28,29. *He looketh upon men, and if any ſay, I have ſinned, & perverted that which was right, and it profiteth me not: he will deliver his ſoule from going into the pit, and his life ſhall ſee the light.* Loe all theſe things work with God, oftentimes with man. Wherefore beleeve not Satan that perſwades the contrary, nor let thy corruption make thee bold to preſume of pardon; for though God promiſe pardon, yet it is to the penitent, not to the preſumptuous, as ver. 17.

The IV. Legacy.

If thou deſpaire.

WHen thou art at the pits brinke of deſpaire, and art dryed up with ſorrow, then goe to ſome faithful Preacher that is able to preach Chriſt unto thee, and apply theſe promiſes: Job 33.24,25, 26. *Then he is gracious unto him, and ſaith, Deliver him from going downe to the pit, I have found a ranſome. His fleſh ſhall be freſher than a childes, hee ſhall returne to the dayes of his Youth. He ſhall pray unto God, and he ſhall bee favourable unto him, and he ſhall ſee his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteouſneſſe.*

Isa. 57. 19. *I create the fruite of the lips, peace, peace, to him that is farre off, and to him that is neare, ſaith the Lord,*

and

and I will heale him.

When thou commeſt to the uttermoſt extremity for ſinne, apply, *I will have mercy on him, and deliver him, that he goe not downe to the pit.*

When thou feareſt that God or his Miniſters will not ſpeake peace unto thee, apply, *I have received a reconciliation. I create the fruite of the lips to be peace, to them that are farre off, and to them that are neare.*

When thy ſorrows have withered thee up, apply, *He ſhall returne as in the dayes of his youth, and his fleſh ſhall be as the fleſh of a childe.*

If in this eſtate thou feareſt God will not heare prayers for thee, apply *He ſhall pray to God, and he will be favorable to him.*

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to looke upon the Lord with joy, apply, *He ſhall ſee his face with joy.*

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When thou ſeeſt not any thing in thy ſelfe, that ſhould cauſe thee not to believe this, apply, *He will render to man his righteouſneſſe*; which is (I thinke) Chriſts righteouſneſſe, for whoſe ſake he will doe it.

The V. Legacy.

If thou findeſt ſinne an heavy burden, and Satan purſuing.

WHen thou feeleſt ſin an heavy burden, and Satan purſuing thee with many feares, by reaſon of the ſame, flye to Chriſt, and apply, Matth. 11. 28, 29. *Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you reſt.* Matth. 1. 21. *He ſhall ſave his people from their ſinnes.* Rom. 16. 20. *And the God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.* Iſa.

Isa. 32.2. *And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rocke in a weary land.* Thus doth Christ to the soule that flyes to him.

If Satan pursue thee, apply, *He is an hiding place.*

If stormes of temptations and afflictions doe arise, apply, *He is a refuge against the tempest.*

If thy soule bee ready to faint through weakenesse, apply, *He is a river of water in a dry place,* to revive thy spirits, and as the shadow of a great rocke, under which thou maist safely repose thy selfe. When thou findest thy sinnes very heavy, apply, *I will ease you.*

When thou hast no rest in thy soule, because of sinne, apply, *You shall finde rest to your Soules.* Hee shall save his people from their sins, both from

from the punishment and the power.

If thou feareſt length of time in temptations, apply, *The God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feete ſhortly.*

The VI. Legacy.

If thou turne from ſinne, and yet doubt of pardon.

WHen thou turneſt from ſinne, and doubteſt of the pardon of it, apply, Iſai 1.18. *Though your ſins be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow though they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be as woall.*

Iſai. 55. 7. *Let the wicked forſake his way, & the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him returne unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Micah

Micah 7. 18,19. *Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turne againe, he will have compassion upon us, he will subdue our iniquities, and thou wilt cast all their sinnes into the depths of the sea,* Proverbes 21. 13. *He that confesseth and forsaketh his sinnes, shall find mercy,* 1 Joh. 1. 9. *If we confesse our sins, he is faithfull and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousnesse.*

When thou seest thy soule of a sinfull colour, apply, *Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wooll.*

If thou feareſt God will hardly be intreated, apply, *He will have mercy, for he is ready to forgive.*

If we feare that our sinnes have be-

ken such strong hold upon us, as we shall never get from them, apply, *He will cleanse us from all our unrighteousnesse.* Seeing God promiseth to be the cleanser, feare not the hardnesse of the worke.

The VII. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have thy manifold rebellions subdued.

WHen thou feelest many rebellions in thine heart and life, and wouldst have them not onely pardoned, but subdued, apply, Hos. 14. 5. *I will heale their backe-sliding.* Which promise (as I thinke) containes thus much, that God will not onely pardon, but heale us, and instead of rebellious hearts and lives, will give us obedient hearts & lives; for

for as healing followeth the curing of ſickneſſe: ſo obedience doth the curing of rebellion. Micah 7.19. *He will ſubdue our iniquities.*

When thou feeleſt ſin very ſtrong, flye to this promiſe, and apply the ſtrength of him that promiſeth, againſt the ſtrength of ſinne: it is the Lord that hath promiſed to ſubdue it; what though ſinne and Satan joyne their force together, yet the Lord is ſtronger than all their force, we need not doubt.

The VIII. Legacy.

If thy heart be hard and full of corruption.

When thou feeleſt thine heart hard, and full of corruption, apply, Ezeck. 36.26. *A new heart al-*

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so will I give you, and a new ſpirit will I put within you, and I will take away the ſtony heart out of your fleſh, and I will give you an heart of fleſh.

Deut. 30.6. *And the Lord thy God will circumciſe thine heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoule, that thou maiſt live.*

When thou feeleſt thine heart worldly carnall, apply, *I will circumciſe thy heart. A new heart will I give thee.*

When nothing will breake thine heart, apply the power of *Jehovah*, that hath promiſed to cure thee, in taking away thy ſtony heart.

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The IX. Legacy.

If unbridled nature breake out into paſſion.

WHen thou canſt not bridle nature, but it breakes forth into violent paſſions, to contention, apply, Iſai. 11.6. *The Wolfe alſo ſhall dwell with the Lambe, and the Leopard ſhall lye downe with the Kid, and the Calfe, and the young Lyon, & the fatling together, & a little child ſhall lead them.* Such ſhall bee the power of the Goſpell, that thoſe which are by nature like Wolves and devouring beaſts, ſhall dwell very peaceably: and if we find our nature ſuch, we muſt apply, *The Wolfe ſhall dwell with the Lambe.*

Micah. 7.19. *He will ſubdue our iniquities, and will caſt all our ſinnes into*

the depth of the sea: that which is cast into the Sea, as it appeareth not in sight, so we cannot get it againe, though we would: so will God doe by your sinnes, cast them out of his sight, so as we shall not returne to them any more: presse him with his promise, and you shall find more then you thinke.

The X. Legacy.

If thou be in bondage to some sin.

WHen thou feelest thy selfe in bondage to some sinne, apply Iohn. 8. 32. *You shall know the Truth, & the truth shall make you free.*

Rom. 6. 14. *Sinne shall not have dominion over you.*

When thou feelest thy bondage, that thou canst not doe good, or keep thy

thy ſelfe from evill; apply, *The truth ſhall make you free.*

If thy ſinnes often prevaile againſt thee, apply, *Sinne ſhall not have dominion over you.*

Pſal. 130.8. *He ſhall redeeme* Iſrael *from all his iniquities.*

The XI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt the breaking out of ſtrong ſinnes.

When thou feeleſt ſome ſinne ſo ſtrong in thee, that thou feareſt it will breake out to Gods diſhonour, and the blemiſhing of Religion, apply, 1 Theſſ. 5.23.24. *That your whole ſpirit, ſoule and body may be preſerved blameleſſe unto the comming of our Lord Ieſus*

Christ. Faithfull is he that calleth you, who also will doe it. That God which hath called thee, wil keep thee blameleſſe unto the comming of Chriſt: therefore uſe the meanes, & reſt upon the Lords faithfulneſſe which never faileth them which truſt in him.

2 Theſ. 3. 3. *But the Lord is faithfull, who ſhall ſtabliſh you and keepe you from evill.*

1 Joh. 1. 9. *If we confeſſe our ſinnes, he is faithfull & juſt to forgive us our ſins, & to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſnes.* By cleanſing (as I thinke) is meant not onely from the guilt of ſin, but the power of it, that the filthineſſe of it ſhall not appeare in our lives and converſations. When ſinne purſues thee hard to make thee fall, doe thou purſue the Lord with prayers, for performance of this promiſe, and doubt not of the iſſue.

Micah 7. 19. *He will ſubdue our iniquities.*

qnities. And to these adde the prayer of Christ, John 17. 15. *I pray not that thou shouldest take thē out of the world, but that thou shouldest keepe them from the evill.* Now what greater evill than sinne? therefore, though thy prayers be but weake against it, yet he hath prayed that was alway heard therefore fight, and be sure of victory.

The XII. Legacy.

When thou art stayed from sinne by admonition.

WHen thou art stayed from sinne by admonition, apply, Ezek. 3. 21. *If thou warne the righteous man, that the righteous sinne not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned.*

When any admoniſh thee, obey & it ſhall be life to thy ſoule, therefore receive the admonition, and apply, *He ſhall live, becauſe he is admoniſhed.*

The XIII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for ſin.

IF thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for thy ſinnes, apply, Ezek. 18.30. *Turne your ſelves from all your tranſgreſſions, ſo iniquity ſhall not be your ruine.*

Matth. 1. 21. *He ſhall ſave his people from their ſinnes.*

When thou feareſt the greatnes or multitude of thy ſinnes will be thy deſtruction, apply, *Iniquity ſhall not be your ruine.*

When thou ſeeſt no meanes of ſafe-

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ty, apply, *He* (that is, Christ) *shall save his people from their sinnes.*

The XIV. Legacy.

If thou be tempted to uncleanenesse.

IF thou be tempted to uncleannes, apply, Prov. 2. 16. *He shall deliver thee from the strange woman.*

1 Thes. 5. 24. *Thy body shall bee kept blamelesse untill the comming of Christ.*

The XV. Legacy.

If thou canst not finde out thy sin, for which God corrects thee.

IF thou canst not find out thy sinne for which God correcteth thee,

apply Job 39. 9. *If they be tyed with the cords of affliction, then will I ſhew them their worke, and their ſins.*

A wiſe Father will not correct his child, but he will ſhew him wherefore, how elſe ſhould he amend his fault? much more will the Lord. But we enjoy not many promiſes, becauſe we ſue not for them.

Thus farre about Sin, the next about Grace.

The XVI. Legacy.

If thou doubt of ſalvation.

IN doubt of ſalvation, apply, *God ſo loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoſoever beleeveth in him, ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life,* Joh. 3. 16.

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Joh.5.24. *He that heareth my word, and beleeveth on him that ſent me, hath everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation, but is paſſed from death unto life.*

Joh.8.51. *If any man keepe my ſaying, he ſhall never ſee death.*

Joh.11.25. *He that beleeveth in me, though he were dead, yet ſhall he live. And, whoſoever beleeveth in me ſhall never ſee death.*

If thou doubt that thou ſhalt periſh and not be ſaved, apply, *He that beleeves in* Chriſt, *ſhall not periſh, but ſhall have everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation.* Labour to beleeve theſe promiſes, for that is required of thee, for the obtaining of what is promiſed.

The XVII. Legacy.

If thine heart be as a wilderneſſe, barren of good.

VVHen thou findeſt thine heart as a wilderneſſe barren of good, apply, Eſay. 35. 1, 2. *The wilderneſſe and the ſolitary place ſhall be glad for them: and the deſart ſhall rejoyce, and bloſſome as the Roſe, It ſhall bloſſome abundantly, and rejoyce even with joy and ſinging.*

This promiſe is made to the Church, & every member of it may apply it to themſelves: therfore when thou feeleſt thine heart as a deſart wilderneſſe, and waſt ground, void of good, full of bryers and thornes of ſinne, then know thou ſhalt not only bring forth ſweet ſmelling graces, like Roſes, but alſo all abundance of them. Pro-

Pro.11.28. *The righteous ſhall flouriſh as a branch.* Prov.13.4. *The ſoule of the diligent ſhall be made fat.*

*Hoſ.*14.5,6. *I will be as the dew to* Iſraell, *he ſhall grow as the Lilly, and caſt forth his roots like* Lebanon. *His branches ſhall ſpread, & his beauty ſhall be as the Olive tree, & his ſmell as* Lebanon.

When wee want meanes to make us fruitfull, apply, *The Lord will be a dew to Iſrael.*

When we deſire to flouriſh and grow up in grace, apply, *He ſhall grow as the Lilly, his branches ſhall ſpread.*

If thou wouldeſt ſhine forth in the beauty of holineſſe, apply, *His beauty ſhall be as the Olive-tree, and as the Lillies,* whoſe glory is greater than *Solomons* in all his Royalty.

If thou wouldeſt have thy graces ſend forth a ſweet ſmell, apply, *His ſmell ſhall be as Lebanon.*

If thou feareſt the continuance of

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this eſtate, apply, *He ſhall faſten his roote, as the trees of Lebanon.*

It matters not how great our barrenneſſe be, when God will be a dew to us: it will quickly make us fruitefull, we ſhall bring forth fruites glorious to the ſight as the Lilly, and as the Olive tree, and the ſent of our graces ſhall be a ſweet ſmelling ſavor, as the trees of Lebanon. Therefore though thou feeleſt thy heart yet barren, and thou haſt uſed meanes long, and yet art not fruitfull, ſtill uſe the meanes, and beleeve, for therein did *Abraham* glorifie God, that he beleeved above hope, that *Sarah* ſhould have a Son, whoſe womb was barren, and by yeares paſt childebearing: ſo though thine heart remaine barren in thine own feeling, after long uſe of meanes, yet ſtill follow ſeeking in the meanes, & beleeve, for we have as ſure promiſes, & as faithfull a performer,

former, as *Abraham* had, Jesus Christ, yesterday, and to day, and the same for ever. Joh. 7. 38. *He that beleeveth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of water of life.*

The XVIII. Legacy.

If thou wantest holinesse.

WHen thou art troubled for want of holinesse, apply, Exod. 19. 6. *You shall be an holy Nation.*

Deut. 28. 9. *And the Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himselfe.*

The Lord wil make thee holy, therfore sin, nor Satan, nor wicked men cannot hinder thy holinesse: for he that makes thee holy, is stronger than all, and doth what he will.

1 Thess. 5. 23, 24. *The God of peace shall*

shall sanctifie you throughout, in spirit, soule, and body. Faithfull is he which calleth you, which will also doe it.

The XIX. Legacy.

When thou canst not offer up any sacrifice.

When thou canst not offer up any sacrifice to God of prayer or praise, or thy selfe in sacrifice, apply, Exod. 19.6. *Ye shall be unto me a Kingdome of Priests.* God promiseth that we shall be Priests, that is, such as shall offer up sacrifice unto him, for that was the Priests office. Therefore when thou findest thy selfe unable to pray, or praise the Lord, or to offer up thy selfe to God, soule and body, strive in faith grounded on the promises, that he which commanded,

ded, hath alſo promiſed to make us able to doe it, for he hath ſaid, *We ſhall be Prieſts*, Malac. 1. 11. *In every place incenſe ſhall be offered to my name, and a pure offering*, which is ſpoken of the believing Gentiles, therfore thou being one of them, ſhalt be able to offer up pure offerings.

The XX. Legacy.

When thou feeleſt but little grace.

When thou feeleſt little grace, knowledge, faith, love, repentance, all very little, apply, Job 8. 7. *Though thy beginning be ſmall, yet thy later end ſhall greatly increaſe.* Matth. 13. 12. *Whoſoever hath, to him ſhall be given, and he ſhall have abundance.*

Therefore let not thy ſmall begin-

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nings discourage thee; but if thou canst prove thou hast some grace, then joyne faith and diligence together, and they will quickly make thee rich.

The XXI. Legacy.

When all thy graces are weake.

WHen thou findest all thy graces very weake, & no strength to performe any spirituall duty, either prayer, or fasting, or any other duty, then apply, Psal. 29. 11. *The Lord will give strength unto his people.* Isai. 40. 29. 31. *He giveth power to the faint, and to them which have no might, he increaseth strength. They that waite upon the Lord, shall renue their strength, they shall mount up with wings as Eagles, they shall runne and*

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not be weary, they ſhall walke and not faint.

When thou feeleſt thy ſelfe faint, ſtay thy ſelfe with this promiſe, *Hee gives ſtrength to him that fainteth.*

When thou feeleſt no power, apply, *to him that hath no ſtrength he increaſeth power.* If thou haſt loſt thy power, then ſtay thy ſelfe with this, *they ſhall renue their ſtrength.*

If thou art ready to give over through wearineſſe, then gather ſtrength from this, *They ſhall run, and not be weary, and walke, and not bee faint.*

And if thou findeſt not theſe promiſes performed unto thee, either thou endeavoureſt not to keepe the conditions, or elſe thou art negligent in ſearching out the promiſes, or cold in ſuing for them: the Lord will be ſought to for the performance.

Iſai. 41. 10. *I am thy God, I will ſtrengthen*

ſtrengthen thee, yea I will helpe thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteouſneſſe, Iſai. 26. 4. *Truſt thou in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord* Jehovah *is everlaſting ſtrength.*

To know there is ſtrength in the Lord is no comfort, unleſſe we know it ſhall be for us. Therefore ſince it is given for a comfort, it muſt include this promiſe, *Thus the Lords ſtrength for evermore ſhall be employed for our good.* Therefore when we want for either ſoule or body, we muſt fix our confidence in him, who will not faile us, if we ſeeke unto him.

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The XXII. Legacy.

When thy heart is dryed for want of Grace.

WHen thou feeleſt thy heart dryed up for want of grace that thou canſt not ſend forth any water of grace in thy thoghts, words and workes, apply, Iſa. 44. 3. *I will powre water upon him that is thirſty, and floods upon the dry ground.*

Iſai. 58. 11. *The Lord ſhall ſatisfy thy ſoule in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou ſhalt be like a watred garden, and like a ſpring of waters, whoſe waters faile not.*

Jer. 17. 8. *He ſhall be as a tree planted by the waters, that ſpreadeth out her rootes by the river, and ſhall not ſee when heate commeth: but her leafe ſhall be greene, and ſhall not be carefull in the*

yeare of drought, neither shall cease from yeelding fruite.

Jer. 31. 12. *Their soule shall be as a watred garden.*

Jam. 4. 6. *God giveth grace unto the humble.*

Isai. 35. 6, 7. *In the wildernesse shall waters breake out, and streames in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a poole, and the thirsty land springs of waters.* That is, the most barren heart shall abound with grace, according to that promise, Joh. 7. 38. *Out of their bellies shall flow rivers of the waters of life.*

Isai. 41. 17, 18. *When the poore and needy seeke water, and there is none, and their tongues faile for thirst, I the Lord will heare them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them: I will open rivers in high places: and fountaines in the midst of the valleyes: I will make the wilderness a poole of water, and the dry land*

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ſprings of water. I will plant in the wilderneſſe the Cedar, the Shittah-tree, and the Mirtle, and the Olive tree: I will ſet in the deſert the Firre-tree, and the Pine, and the Box tree together. So now though thou feeleſt thy heart barren, know th t God will be thy Gardiner to thy barren heart, to make pooles, and plant pleaſant grapes of graces; therefore ſeeing he taketh upon himſelfe the worke, feare not the badneſſe of the ground, for he will make it good as a fruitefull garden.

The XXIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt the ſpirit.

IF thou feeleſt thou wanteſt the ſpirit of God, apply, Ezek. 36. 27. *I will put my ſpirit within you.*

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Luk. 11. 13. *If ye then being evill, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that aske him?*

Joel 2. 28, 29. *I will powre out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sonnes and your daughters shall propheſie, your old men shall dreame dreames, and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants, and upon the handmaids in those dayes will I powre out my Spirit.*

Joh. 14. 16, 17, 18. *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of truth: he dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortleſſe, I will come to you.*

When thou canſt not pray thy ſelf, ſtay thy ſelfe on theſe prayers, that Chriſt hath prayed to the Father to

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give the Spirit, and he was heard in al he prayed for, therefore thou maist claime it, though thy prayers be but weake.

The XXIV. Legacy.

If looking on Gods love, thou canst not love God againe.

WHen thou lookest upon the great love of GOD unto thee, and canst not finde thine heart inlarged in loving God againe, apply this promise, Deut. 30. 9. *I will circumcise thine heart, that thou maist love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule.*

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The XXV, Legacy.

If thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord.

WHEN thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord, apply, Isai. 41. 16. *Thou shalt rejoyce in the Lord, and glory in the holy one of* Israel.

Psal. 89. 16. *In thy name shall they rejoyce all the day: and in thy righteousnesse shall they be exalted.*

Job 22. 26. *For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty.*

Psal. 33. 21. *For our heart shall rejoyce in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.*

When thou seest cause of rejoycing in the Lord, and yet canst not move thine affections, apply, *They shall rejoyce in him.*

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If through many troubles & temptations, thou findeſt thy joyes often interrupted, apply, *they ſhall rejoyce continually in thy name.*

The XXVI. Legacy.

If thou feeleſt not Gods feare in thine heart.

WHen we feele not the feare of God in our hearts, apply, Ier. 33. 40. *I will put my feare in their* hearts.

If we would have a reverent feare of God, when we performe any holy duty, or at other times, as thou feeleſt thy need, ſo urge the Lord with this his promiſe, for he delights to be ſued to, upon his promiſe, by his ſervants, Ezek. 36. 37. *I will yet for this be inquired of by the houſe of Iſrael to doe it for them.*

The XXVII. Legacy.

If thine heart will not praiſe the Lord.

WHen thou canſt not bring thine heart to praiſe the Lord, apply, Iſai. 43.21. *This people have I formed for my ſelfe, they ſhall ſhew forth my praiſe.*

Joel 2.26. *Ye ſhall eate in plenty, and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the name of the Lord your God.*

Pſal. 22.29. *They ſhall praiſe the Lord that ſeeke him.*

When thou ſeeſt what great things God hath done for thee, and findeſt not thy ſelfe able to ſet forth his praiſe, apply, *They ſhall ſet forth my praiſe.*

When thou findeſt thy ingratefull heart not affected with the mercies thou

thou enjoyeſt, ſo as they ſtirre thee not up to praiſe the Lord, apply, *He ſhall eate and be ſatisfyed, and praiſe the name of the Lord.*

The XXVIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt wiſdome.

WHen thou feeſt thy want of wiſdome makes thee not walke like a Chriſtian, ſo unblameably as thou ought, apply, Jam. 1. 5. *If any of you lacke wiſdome, let him aske of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it ſhall be given him.*

When thou findeſt thou wanteſt wiſdome to improve thine afflictions to the beſt advantage, or for the ordering of thy actions, occaſions and courſe of life, to Gods glory and the

good of others, and thy ſelfe, then faile not to aske wiſdome, and doubt not of the obtaining of it.

The XXIX. Legacy.

If thou canſt not underſtand Gods voyce.

WHen thou canſt not underſtand the voyce of God in his word, or workes, not knowing what to learne by them, apply, Iſa. 35.5. *The eares of the deafe ſhall be unſtopped.* That is, thoſe that were deafe, not underſtanding any thing, ſhall be made to heare, that is, to underſtand.

John 10. 16. *Other ſheepe I have, which are not of this fold; them alſo I muſt bring, and they ſhall heare my voyce.* Which is a promiſe to the Gentiles,

tiles, that they ſhall underſtand the voyce of God.

The XXX. Legacy.

If thou canſt not ſee into the myſteries of the Goſpell.

IF thou canſt not ſee into the divine myſteries of the Goſpel, apply, Iſa. 35. 5. *The eyes of the blind ſhall be opened.* Iſa. 42. 7. *He ſhall open the eyes of of the blind.* Luk. 4. 18. *He hath ſent me to recover ſight to the blind.*

Theſe places are what Chriſt will doe to his people, therefore we need not feare our diſeaſe, ſeeing Chriſt is our Phyſitian. If every creature doe that, for which it was ordained, then he will ſurely doe that which he was ſent to do of the Father, to give ſight to the blind.

The XXXI. Legacy.

If thou seest a good way and hast no power to walke in it.

WHen thou seest a good way, and hast no power to walke in it, or art to performe any duty, ordinary or extraordinary, and feelest no strength to walke in that way, apply, Ezek. 36. 72. *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walke in my statutes, and ye shall keepe my judgments and doe them.*

When thou lookest at the greatnes of the duty which God commands, look also at the largenesse of his promises for the keeping of them, and then thou wilt not be discouraged at it. What matters it what hee commands, seeing we have his promise? If thou feareſt the strictnesse of thy

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wayes that thou ſhalt not be able to walke in them, though thou ſtep into them ſometimes, ſtrengthen thy faith in this promiſe; *I will give thee my Spirit to cauſe thee to walke in my wayes.* Can Sinne or Satan then reſiſt? Nay, ſurely the Spirit is ſtronger, and greater is he that is in us, than thoſe that are againſt us. And when wee ſee great duties which God commands, and feare we ſhall want ſtrength to doe them; apply, He hath ſaid, *You ſhall keepe my judgements and doe them.*

Iſai. 40. 31. *They ſhall runne, and not be weary, they ſhall walk, and not be faint.* That is, Thoſe which of themſelves could not ſteppe one ſteppe, ſhall be able to runne ſwiftly in the wayes of God.

The XXXII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt memory.

WHen thou wanteſt memory to remember the Word of God, apply, Joh. 14. 26. *But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghoſt, whom the Father will ſend in my name, hee ſhall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatſoever I have ſaid unto you.*

The XXXIII. Legacy.

When thou ſeeſt thine ignorance.

WHen thou ſeeſt thine ignorance, and feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to glorifie God as thou mighteſt,

mighteſt, if thou hadſt more knowledge, ſtirre up thy ſelfe to deſire, and apply, Jer. 31. 33, 34. *Thus ſaith the Lord, I will put my Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and they ſhall all know mee, ſaith the Lord, from the greateſt to the leaſt.* Hoſ. 2. 20. *Thou ſhalt know the Lord.* Prov. 1. 23. *I will powre out my Spirit unto you, I will make knowne my words unto you.*

Pſal. 25. 9. 12. 14. *The meeke will he guide in judgement: and the meeke will he teach his way. What man is hee that feareth the Lord? him ſhall he teach in the way that he ſhall chuſe. The ſecret of the Lord is with them that feare him: and he will ſhew them his covenant.*

Prov. 2. 4. 9. 11, 12, 13. *If thou ſeekeſt her as ſilver, and ſearcheſt for her as for treaſures: Then ſhalt thou underſtand righteouſneſſe, and judgement, and equity, yea every good path. Diſcretion ſhall*

preserve thee, understanding shall keepe thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evill man, from the man that speaketh froward things: who leave the paths of uprightnesse, to walke in the wayes of darkenesse. Isai. 11.9. *The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.* Prov. 8.17. *Those that seeke me earely shall find me.* Isa. 35.8. *The foole shall not erre* Joh. 7.17. *If any man will doe his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God, or whether I speake of my self.* Isa. 32.3,4. *The eyes of them that see, shall not be dimme, and the eares of them that heare, shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge.*

When thou thinkest of the great mystery of God manifest in the flesh and of one divine essence, and three persons, and seest thy owne inability to conceive of this great God, apply, *They shall all know the Lord. The heart of the foole shall understand.*

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When we feare God will not reveale his will to us, apply, *I will powre out my minde to you. Hee will teach the humble his wayes. He will teach him the way he ſhall chuſe.*

If thou feareſt that though God reveale his will, yet thy ignorance is ſuch, as thou ſhalt not be able to underſtand it, apply, *I will cauſe you to underſtand. Then ſhalt underſtand judgment, righteouſneſſe, equity, and every good path.*

If thou feareſt men will draw thee away to errour, apply, *Counſell ſhall preſerve thee, and underſtanding ſhall keepe thee, and deliver thee from the evil way, and from the man that ſpeaketh froward things, and from them that leave the wayes of righteouſneſſe, to walk in the wayes of darkneſſe. The foole ſhall not erre. He ſhall know the doctrine whether it be of God.*

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The XXXIV. Legacy.

If thou desirest grace and art not satisfyed.

IF thou desirest Grace, and thy desires are not satisfyed, apply; Psal. 35. 7. *Delight thy selfe also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.*

Psal. 145. 19. *He will fulfill the desires of them that feare him.*

Psal. 81. 10. *Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Matth. 5. 6. *Blessed are they which doe hunger and thirst after righteousnesse, for they shall be filled.*

Prov. 10. 24. *The desire of the righteous shall be granted.*

Dost thou desire grace? feare not thou God will not grant thy desires? apply, *He shall give thee thy hearts desire,*

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he will fulfill thy desire.

Feareſt thou that if he give grace, it will be but a little? apply, *open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Thou ſhalt be filled.*

Iſai. 30.18. *Bleſſed are all they which waite for him. He will certainely have mercy upon thee at the voyce of thy cry, when he heareth he will anſwer.*

When thou beginneſt to faint with waiting, apply, *He will certainely have mercy upon thee.*

The XXXV. Legacy.

If thine heart be dead.

When thou feeleſt thy heart dead, that it will not ſtirre to God or goodneſſe, apply, Pſal. 22.26. *Your heart ſhall live for ever.* Prov. 3.21,22. *Keepe ſound wiſdome*

and discretion, so shall they be life unto thy soule. Isa. 57. 15. *I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of contrite ones.*

Amos. 5. 4. *Seeke the Lord and ye shall live.*

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt never overcome the deadneſſe of thy heart, apply, *Your hearts ſhall live. Seeke the Lord and ye ſhall live.*

When thou haſt got ſome life, and feareſt the loſing of it, apply, *Your hearts ſhall live for ever.*

The XXXVI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt falling away.

WHen thou feareſt thou ſhalt fall away, and beginneſt to decline,

decline, apply, 1 Cor. 1. 8. *Christ shall also confirme you unto the end, that yee may be blameleſſe in the day of our Lord Jeſus Christ.* Pſal. 16. 8. *I have ſet the Lord alwayes before me: becauſe he is at my right hand, I ſhall not be moved.* Pſal. 145. 14. *The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiſeth up all thoſe that be bowed downe.* Pſal. 91. 12. 14. *The righteous ſhall flouriſh like the Palmetree. He ſhall grow like a Cedar in* Lebanon. *They ſhall ſtill bring forth fruite in old age: they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing.* Pſal. 1. 13. *And he ſhall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his ſeaſon: his leafe alſo ſhall not wither.* Pſal. 31. 24. *He ſhall ſtabliſh thine heart.* Job 11. 15. 27. *Thou ſhalt be ſtedfaſt, thine age ſhall be clearer than the noone day, thou ſhalt ſhine forth, thou ſhalt be as the morning.* Judg. 5. 31. *They that love the Lord ſhall be as the Sunne, when it goeth forth in*

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his might. Now we ſee that nothing can hinder the Sun in his might, but it chaſeth away the darkeneſſe and clouds before it, and ceaſeth not till it hath run his race: ſo ſhall the child of God, for the Lord hath ſaid it, we need not doubt of it. If thou feareſt thine owne weakneſſe, and the power of temptation, with the ſubtilty of Satan, apply, That God whoſe power and wiſdome over-reacheth all other, hath ſaid, *He will confirme you to the end. He ſhall ſtabliſh thine heart, thy leafe ſhall not fade.* Art thou hard purſued by ſin and Satan? apply, that God whoſe power and wiſdome over-reacheth all, he hath ſaid, *He will ſtabliſh thee.* If thou be ready to fall & faint, apply, *the Lord upholdeth al them that fall, and liſteth up all them that are ready to fall: thou ſhalt not ſlide.* If thou feareſt that thou bee kept from ſinne, yet thy graces ſhall decay, apply,

Ply; *The righteous shall flourish as a Palme tree, and shall grow as a Cedar in* Lebanon. *They shall bring forth fruite in their age: they shall be fat & flourishing; thou shalt bring forth fruit in season: thou shalt be stable, thine age shall appeare more cleare than noone day. Thou shalt shine as the morning.*

The XXXVII. Legacy.

If thou art fallen.

WHen we are fallen & feare the Lord will leave us so, then apply, Psa. 55.22. *Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and hee shall sustaine thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

Psal. 37.24.28. *Though he fall, he shal not be utterly cast downe, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the*

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Lord loveth judgement, & forsaketh not his Saints, they are preserved for ever.

Jer. 32.40 *I will put my feare in their hearts, that they shal not depart from me.* When thou art fallen, and feeleſt a great load of ſin or miſery upon thee, and no power to unload thy ſelf, thy graces ſo weake, that they will not helpe thee, and therefore thou thinkeſt thy ſtate deſperate, apply, *Though he fall, he ſhall not be caſt off, for the Lord putteth under his hand.* Therefore though ſinne and miſery be never ſo heavy to preſſe thee downe, yet that powerfull hand of God, when thou art at the loweſt, being under thee, ſhall eaſily lift thee up, thou haſt his promiſe, *He will not ſuffer thee to fall for ever.*

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The XXXVIII. Legacy.

When the Lord hath forsaken thee.

WHen the Lord hath forsaken thee in thine owne feeling, and thou feareſt he will no: returne againe, apply, Iſa. 54. 7, 8, 9, 10. *For a ſmall moment have I forſaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlaſting kindneſſe will I have mercy on thee, ſaith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of* Noah *unto me; for as I have ſworne that the waters of* Noah *ſhall no more goe over the earth: ſo have I ſworne that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the Mountains ſhall depart, and the Hils ſhall be removed; but my kindneſſe ſhall not depart from thee, neither ſhall the covenant of*

my peace be removed, ſaith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Gen.17.7. *I will eſtabliſh my covenant betwixt thee and mee, an everlaſting covenant to bee a God unto thee.*

Deut.31.8. *I will be with thee, I will not faile thee, neither forſake thee, feare not, neither be diſmayed.*

1 King.6.13. *I will not forſake my people.*

2 Chron.15.2. *The Lord is with you while you be with him.*

Job 8.20. *Behold, God will not caſt away a perfect man.*

Job 36.5. *Behold, God is mighty, and deſpiſeth not any.*

Hoſ.2.19,20. *I will betroth thee unto me for ever, yea I will betroth thee unto me in righteouſneſſe, and in judgement, and in loving kindneſſe, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulneſſe.*

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The XXXIX. Legacy.

When thou feeleſt thy vileneſſe.

WHen thou feeleſt thy vileneſſe, and feareſt the Lord will loath thee for it, apply, Levit. 26.11. *My ſoule ſhall not abhorre you.* Hoſea 14.4. *I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away from them.*

Deut. 7. 13. *I will love thee.*

Joh. 14.21.23. *He that loveth mee ſhall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifeſt my ſelfe to him, my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Jer. 32. 41. *I will rejoyce over them to doe them good.*

WHen thou ſeeſt a multitude of ſinnes,

ſins, ſo that thou ſeemeſt moſt loathſome, apply, *My ſoule ſhall not loath you.*

When thou ſeeſt nothing in thy ſelfe that ſhould move him to love thee, but all to the contrary, apply, *I will love them freely.*

If thou feareſt thy many ſinnes wil cauſe the Lord not to delight in thee, apply, *I will delight in thee.*

If thou feareſt, thy ſinne will cauſe the Lord to hide himſelfe from thee, apply, *I will ſhew mine owne ſelfe unto him.*

The XL. Legacy.

When thou feeleſt thy ſpirituall poverty.

VVHen thou feeleſt thy ſpirituall poverty, apply, Mat. 5. 3. *Bleſ-*

3. *Bleſſed are the poore in ſpirit, for theirs is the Kingdome of heaven.*

Iſa. 66. 2. *To him will I looke, ſaith the Lord, that is poore and of a contrite ſpirit, and trembleth at my words.*

When thou feeleſt thy ſinnes many, and thy graces very little, & therfore feareſt that ſuch a miſerable creature as thou art, ſhalt not inherit heaven, apply, *Bleſſed are the poore in ſpirit, for theirs is the Kingdome of heaven.*

If thou feareſt the Lord will not looke upon thee, apply, *To him will I looke, ſaith the Lord, that is of a contrite ſpirit.*

The XLI. Legacy.

When thou art in a ſtrait.

When thou art in a ſtrait, and knoweſt not what to chuſe, either

either in some truth, or in something that is to be done, that thou knowest not what to chuse, apply, Psal. 25. 12. *Him shall he teach in the way that hee shall chuse.* vers. 13. *His soule shall dwell at ease.*

Prov. 3. 6. *In all thy wayes acknowledg him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Prov. 16. 3. *Commit thy workes unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

Isai. 30. 21. *And thine eare shall heare a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walke ye in it, when ye turne to the right hand, and when ye turne to the left.*

Isai. 58. 11. *The Lord shall guide thee continually.*

Isai. 61. 8. *I will cause their worke in truth.*

Jer. 31. 9. *I will cause them to walke by the rivers of waters, in a straight way therein they shall not stumble.*

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When thou doubt'ſt of ſome truth, apply, *He ſhall teach him the way that hee ſhall chuſe, his ſoule ſhall dwell at eaſe. Thine eares ſhall heare a voyce behind thee, ſaying, this is the way, walke in it. I will direct thy way in truth.*

When thou art thinking what courſe to take, and feareſt thou ſhalt not know what the Lord would have thee to doe, apply, *Thy thoughts ſhall be directed, he ſhall direct thy wayes.*

When thou feareſt thy weakeneſſe will at ſometimes carry thee aſtray, apply, *The Lord will guide thee continually, The Lord will leade thee in a ſtraight way, that thou ſhalt not ſtumble.*

The XLII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt Satan will cauſe thee to fall.

WHen thou feareſt that Satan by his power and ſubtilty will cauſe thee to fall, and art troubled with his temptations, apply, Gen. 3.15. *He ſhall bruiſe his head,* Therefore feare not, for Chriſt hath overthrowne all his power & ſubtilty that he cannot doe us any harme. Pſal. 19.3,4. *Surely he ſhall deliver thee from the ſnare of the fowler. He ſhall cover thee with his feathers: and under his wings ſhalt thou truſt: his truth ſhall be thy Shield and Buckler.*

Rom. 16.20. *The God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feete ſhortly.*

Doth Satan preſſe thee with ſtrong temptations, & feareſt thou his pow-

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er? apply, *He ſhall bruiſe his head. Hee will cover thee under his wings, and thou ſhalt be ſafe under his feathers, his ſtrength ſhall be thy Buckler.*

Feareſt thou his ſubtilty? apply, *He ſhall deliver thee from the ſnare of the Fowler, and bruiſe his head*, wherein lyes all his power and plots.

The XLIII. Legacy.

If thou canſt not profit by the Word of God.

WHen thou canſt not profit by the word of God, or his workes of mercy, or afflictions, apply, Iſai. 48. 17. *I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou ſhould goe.*

Mat. 21. 41. *The Kingdome of God ſhall be taken from you, and given to a*

Nation bringing forth fruits thereof.
This is a promiſe, that the Gentiles ſhall bring forth the fruits of the Goſpell, therefore every beleiving Gentile may apply it.

The XLIV. Legacy.

If thou findeſt thy ſelfe unlike Gods people.

WHen thou findeſt thy ſelfe not like the people of God either in heart or life, apply, Ier. 32. 39. *I will give them one heart and one way.*
When thou ſeeſt thine heart not like the people of God, either in their affection to God, or his people, or ordinances, or in their ſorrowing for ſin apply, *I will give them one heart.*
When thou ſeeſt thy life and converſation not ſo holy as the people of God,

God, apply, *I will give them one way.*

The XLV. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have Gods blessing rest upon thee.

IF thou wouldst have the blessing of the Lord to rest upon thee, apply, Psal. 5. 12. *The Lord will blesse the righteous.*

Deut. 7. 13. *I will blesse thee.*

Psa. 3. 8. *Thy blessing is upon thy people.*

Psal. 24. 5. *He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousnesse from the God of his salvation.*

Psal. 115. 12, 13. *The Lord will blesse us, he will blesse the house of* Israel, *he will blesse the house of* Aaron. *He will blesse them that feare the Lord, both small and great.*

The XLVI. Legacy.

If thou wouldeſt be a bleſſing in thy place.

IF thou wouldſt be a bleſſing in thy place, apply, Gen. 12.2. *I will bleſſe thee, and thou ſhalt be a bleſſing.* Ezek. 34.26. *I will make them about my hill a bleſſing.*

The XLVII. Legacy.

If thou ſeparateſt from the wicked in their corrupt worſhip.

WHen thou ſeparateſt thy ſelf from the wicked in their corrupt worſhip and manners, apply, 2 Cor. 6.16, 17, 18. *I will dwell in them and walke in them, and I will be their God,*

God, and they ſhall be my people: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye ſeparate, ſaith the Lord; and touch not the uncleane thing; and I will receive you; and will be a Father unto you; and ye ſhall be my ſonnes and daughters, ſaith the Lord Almighty.

Thus farre of Grace; the next promiſes are about the meanes of *Grace*, either ordinary, or extraordinary.

The XLVIII. Legacy.

A promiſe to be applyed in every ordinance.

IN every Ordinance thou maiſt apply th s promiſe, Iſai. 12. 3. *With joy ſhall you d aw water out of the wels of ſalvation.* Now in that it is ſaid, out of the Wels of ſalvation, and not

Well, I thinke we ought to apply it to every ordinance of God, ſo as we are to uſe them with a comfortable perſwaſion, that we ſhall receive abundance of grace from them. As the Lord promiſeth we ſhal draw waters from out of them, we ſhall not onely uſe them, but draw from them with joy. Therefore when we pray, meditate, heare, conferre, faſt, in every duty, apply this promiſe, and you ſhall find him faithfull which promiſeth.

The XLIX. Legacy.

When thou prayeſt.

WHen thou prayeſt, apply theſe promiſes for the ſtrengthning of thy faith, and for thy hearing Mat. 7. 7. *Aske, and it ſhall be given you, ſeeke*

ſeeke and you ſhall find, knock and it ſhall be opened unto you.

Mat. 6. 6. *Pray to the Father which ſeeth in ſecret, and thy Father which ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward thee openly.*

Mat. 21. 22. *And all things whatſoever ye ſhall aske in prayer, beleeving, ye ſhall receive.*

Joh. 14. 13, 14. *Whatſoever ye ſhall aske in my name I will doe it.*

Joh. 16. 24. *Aske and ye ſhall receive, that your joy may be full.*

Joh. 15. 7. *Aske what ye will, and it ſhall be done unto you.*

Iſa. 65. 24. *Before they call, I will anſwer, and while they are yet ſpeaking, I will heare.*

Job 22. 7. *Thou ſhalt make thy prayers unto him, and he ſhall heare thee, and if thou ſecke him, he will be found.*

The L. Legacy.

When thou meditateſt.

WHen thou meditateſt, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. 14.22. *Mercy and truth ſhall be to them that deviſe good.*

Pſal. 103.17,18. *The loving kindneſſe of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which thinke upon his commandements to doe them.*

Philip. 4.8,9. *Thinke on theſe things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and ſeene in me, and the God of peace ſhall be with you.*

If thou deſireſt mercy, or the truth of God to be for thy good, or the loving kindneſſe of the Lord to be for ever towards thee, and that God which brings peace with him, to be with thee, then meditate on good things,

things, and with ſuch a meditation, as may ſtirre thee up to practiſe, and then all theſe promiſes ſhall ſurely be performed to thee. And becauſe meditation is an hard duty, therefore encourage thy ſelfe to it by the benefit it brings, and it being a way of God, he will give thee his Spirit to cauſe thee to walke in it.

The LI. Legacy.

In meditating, conferring, and reading Gods Word.

IN meditating, conferring, & reading of the Word of God, apply; Joſh. 1.8. *Let not this booke of the Law depart out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and night, that thou maiſt obſerve to doe according to all that is written therein: for then thou ſhalt*

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make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good successe.

The LII. Legacy.

In reading of the Word, if thou understandest not.

IN reading of the Word, if we understand not, apply these promises, Prov. 1.23. *I will powre out my Spirit unto you, I will make knowne my words unto you.*

Prov. 1.4. *It gives subtilty to the simple: to the young men knowledge and discretion.*

Psal. 19.8. *The Commandement of the Lord is pure, inlightning the eyes.*

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The LIII. Legacy.

If thou canſt not conferre.

VVHen thou canſt not ſpeake in conference to edification, but feeleſt thine heart ſhut up, then apply, Joh. 7.38. *He that beleeveth on me, out of his belly ſhall flow rivers of living water.*

Prov. 10.31. *The mouth of the juſt bringeth forth wiſdome.*

Prov. 12.14. *A man ſhall be ſatisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth.*

Iſa. 32.4. *The tongue of the ſtammerers ſhall be ready to ſpeake plainly.*

Iſa. 35.6. *The dumb mans tongue ſhall ſing.*

When thou art with the people of God, that thou maiſt receive good from them, and do them good, apply Prov. 13.20. *He that walketh with wiſe men*

men ſhall be wiſe. So apply, Prov. 12. 14. Joh. 7. 38. Ezek. 47. 12. *His fruit ſhall be meat, and his leaves medicine.*

If thou findeſt thy ſoule ſtand in need of wiſdome, keep company with the people of God which are the only wiſe people, & then thou haſt the only ſure promiſes of the Lord, thou ſhalt be wiſe. If thou hungreſt after good, reſort to the righteous, and thou ſhalt bee ſatisfyed with good things. If thou feele thy ſelf dead, apply, *Out of him ſhal flow rivers of water of life*, for thy quickning. If thy ſoule be faint or ſicke, apply, *His fruit ſhall be meat and his leaves medicine.* Let all this good which is gotten by their fellowſhip, cauſe thee to delight in them, and take heed of forſaking the fellowſhip of the Saints.

When thou goeſt into company, apply theſe promiſes to thy ſelf, that thou maiſt be ſo to others, and hinder

der not thy ſelfe, by unbeleefe.

The LIV. Legacy.

When thou art to goe to the Aſſemblies.

VVHen thou art to goe to the aſſemblies, to participate in the ordinances, apply, *In places where I record my name, I will come to thee and bleſſe thee.* If thou wanteſt the Lord, or his bleſſing, goe to his houſe, and thou ſhalt find him, Pſal. 36. 8, 9. *They ſhall be abundantly ſatisfied with the fatneſſe of thine houſe, and thou ſhalt make them drink of the river of thy pleaſures. For with thee is the fountain of life, and in thy light ſhall we ſee light,* Pſal. 65. 4. *We ſhall be ſatisfied with the goodneſſe of thy houſe, even of thine holy Temple.* Pſal. 83. 11. *The Lord God is a Sun and*

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ſhield, the Lord will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he with-hold. Pſal.92.13,14. *Thoſe that be planted in the houſe of the Lord, ſhall flouriſh in the courts of our God. They ſhal ſtill bring forth fruit in their old age: they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing.* Pſal.128.5. *The Lord ſhall bleſſe thee out of* Sion. Iſa.25. 6,7,8. *In this mountaine ſhall the Lord of Hoſts make unto all people a feaſt of fat things, a feaſt of wine on the Lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the Lees, well refined.* Therefore when his ordinances are corrupted with mens inventions, then thou maiſt preſſe him with this promiſe, that he will give us wine fined and purifyed, even his pureſt ordinances, and moſt comfortable to our hearts, as wine is. And when there is little nouriſhment, becauſe their gifts are weake, urge him with this, that hee hath promiſed to make us a feaſt of

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fat things full of marrow; for I take this promiſe to bee meant of the Churches after Chriſt, ver. 7. *And he will deſtroy in this mountaine the face of the covering caſt over all people, and the vaile that is ſpread over al Nations.* Thy ſins that are too ſtrong for thee, bring them to the Lord in his Ordinances, and hee will deſtroy them, though thou ſeeme to bee covered with them, and they ſpread as a vaile upon thee, yet beleeve his promiſes, and all things ſhall be poſſible unto thee. Iſa. 57. 7. *I will make them joyfull in mine houſe of prayer, their ſacrifices ſhall be accepted at mine Altar.* God will both give to them and accept from their ſacrifices, as pleaſing to him. 2 Chron. 20. 20. *Beleeve his Prophets, ſo ſhall ye proſper.*

Prov. 1. 5. *A wiſe man will heare, and will increaſe learning, and a man of underſtanding ſhall attaine unto wiſe counſels.*

counsels. Prov. 4. 10. 12. *Heare and receive my sayings, and the yeares of thy life shall be many, when thou goest, thy steps shall not be strait, and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.* Mark. 4. 24. *Unto you that have, shall more be given.* Isai. 55. 3. 11, 12. *Incline your eares and come unto me, heare and your soules shall live; and I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of* David. *My words shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it. Therefore ye shall goe forth with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountaines and the hils shall breake forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands,* vers. 13. *Instead of the thorne shall come up the Firre tree, and instead of the bryer shall came up the Mirtle tree:* this force shall the Word have in thine heart for planting of Grace, and destroying of sin.

Hos.

Hoſ.14.7. *They that dwell under his ſhadow ſhall returne, they ſhall revive as the corne, and grow as the vine, the ſent thereof ſhall be as the vine in* Lebanon. If thou wouldſt returne, apply this, *he ſhall returne.* If thou beeſt decayed, apply this; *They ſhall revive as the corne.* If thou wouldeſt flouriſh in grace, apply, *They ſhall flouriſh as the Vine.* If thou wouldeſt be a ſweete ſmelling ſavour in all places, apply, *The ſent thereof ſhall be as the Vine of* Lebanon. Seeing all theſe good things come from the powerfull ordinances of the Lord, let us give him no reſt, till he beſtow theſe bleſſings upon us; when the Paſtor of the people pronounceth the bleſſing, apply this promiſe, Num. 6.27. *I will bleſſe them.*

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The LV. Legacy.

Wouldest thou enjoy the ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them.

WOuldest thou enjoy the Ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them? apply, Jer. 31.14 *I will satiate the soules of the Priests with fatnesse, and my people shall be satisfied with goodnesse.*

Jer. 3. 15. *I will give you Pastours according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

Ezek. 34.26,27. *And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the shoure to come downe in his season: there shall be shoures of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yeeld her encrease, and the earth shall yeeld her fruit.*

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The Promiſes are both for Paſtor & People, the Paſtor ſhall be able to teach with knowledge & underſtanding, his ſoule ſhall be repleniſhed with fatneſſe, his teaching ſhall be as ſeaſonable ſhowres of bleſſing, that ſhall make the people fruitfull. The People muſt apply theſe Promiſes, firſt that God would give them able Teachers, & that they may find their Miniſtery bleſſed unto them, according to theſe Promiſes. That they may be fed with knowledge and underſtanding, that they may be ſatisfied with goodneſſe, and that their teaching may be ſeaſonable ſhowres of bleſſing to make them fruitfull, as it is promiſed, that the trees ſhall yeeld their fruite. How much are Gods ordinances to be deſired, by which he doth convey ſo many bleſſings unto his People? Let us give him no reſt, till he furniſh *Jeruſalem* with

with all her ordinances and officers.

The LVI. Legacy.

If thou enjoyest Grace, or meanes of Grace.

IF thou enjoyest glorious graces, or meanes of grace, and feareſt the loſing of them, apply, Iſai 4.5,6. *Upon all the glory ſhall be a defence. And there ſhall be a Tabernacle for a ſhadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from ſtorme, and from raine.*

Iſai. 27.3. *I the Lord doe keepe it, I will water it every moment: leſt any hurt it, I will keepe it night and day.*

Iſai. 33.16. *His place of defence ſhall be the munition of Rockes, bread ſhall be given him, his waters ſhall be ſure.*

Haſt thou any glorious grace, or meanes

means of grace? Arme thy ſelfe with the power of God in his promiſes, for the devill will uſe all his forces and ſubtilty, to deprive thee of them. haſt thou a glorious Miniſter, and pure ordinance, or glorious graces begin to ſpring in thine heart, and ſeeſt no meanes to defend them? apply, *Upon all thy glory he ſhall be a defence. His defence ſhall be a munition of Rockes.* Seeſt thou an heart of ſinne in thy ſelfe, or the rage of the wicked, that cauſeth thee to feare the loſſe of them? apply *There ſhall be a covering for a ſhadow in the day for the heat.* Doth the devill raiſe up ſtormes? inwardly perſecutions? apply, *The defence and covering ſhall be a place of refuge, and covert for the ſtorme, and for the raine.* Feareſt thou the ſubtilty of thine enemies, that unawares when thou thinkeſt not on them, they will ſurpriſe thee, and ſteale thy bleſſing from thee? apply,

ply, *I the Lord doe keepe it night and day.* If thou feareſt God will not continue thus to thee, apply, *I will water it every moment*; not one moment, but he will be adding and nouriſhing: *Bread ſhall be given him, and his waters ſhall be ſure.*

The LVII. Legacy.

When thou art baniſhed from Gods Ordinances.

WHen thou art baniſhed from Gods Ordinances, apply theſe promiſes for thy returne, Iſa. 35 10. *The ranſomed of the Lord ſhall returne and come to* Sion *with ſongs, and everlaſting joy upon their heads: they ſhall obtaine joy and gladneſſe, and ſorrow and ſighing ſhall flee away.* Jer. 3. 14

13, and will bring you to Sion. Deut. 30. 4. If any of thine be driven out to the utmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee. Ezek. 34. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. Behold I, even I will both search my sheepe and seeke them out. As a Shepheard seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his Sheep that are scattered: so will I seek out my Sheep, and will deliver them out of all places, where they have beene scattered in the cloudy and darke day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their owne land, and feede them upon the mountaines of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the Country. I will feede them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountaines of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lye in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feede upon the mountaines of

Israel. *I will feede my flocke, & I will cause them to lye downe, saith the Lord God. I will seeke that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, & will strengthen that which was sick.*

If thou mourneſt for Gods ordinances, apply, *Thou shalt not only returne to Sion, but returne with joy, and sorrow shall flye away.* If thou beeſt but one amongſt many which deſireſt it, and feareſt thou ſhalt be left among them, apply, *I will take you, one of a City, and two of a Tribe;* though thou beeſt but one of a City that returneth to the Lord, he will bring thee to *Sion* from all the reſt. If thou art farre removed from all meanes, and that the Lord hath done it for thy ſinne, apply, *Though thou were driven to the outmoſt part of heaven, thence will the Lord gather thee, & from thence will he take thee, he will deliver them from all places where*

they have beene scattered in the cloudy and darke day, and will feede them in good pastures, and will bring them to rest.

The LVIII. Legacy.

Whilst thou art banisht from Gods house.

WHilst thou art banished from Gods house, apply, Ezek. 11 16. *I will be unto them as a little Sanctuary in the countries where they shall come* Isai. 40. 11. *He shall feede his flock like a shepheard, he shall gather the Lambs with his arme, and carry them in his bosome, and shall gently leade those that are with young.*

In thy banishment, at those houres when thy soule was wont to be refreshed in the Sanctuary of God on the Sabbath, & at other times when thou

findest thy selfe to stand in need either of defence, or nourishment, apply, *I will be a Sanctuary unto you. He shall feede his flock as a shepheard.* If in this time thou feelest thy selfe very weak, apply, *He shall gather his Lambs in his armes, and carry them in his bosome, and guide them with young:* they cannot miscarry that are shut up in the bosome of God, nor feare, who are guided by him. Therefore though we be never so weake in our selves, yet here is our comfort, we are safe in our God: O happy people, saved by the Lord.

The LIX. Lecture;

When wicked shepherds are over us.

WHen wicked shepherds are over us, then apply, Ezek. 34. 10. *Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against*

gainſt the ſhepherds, and I will require my flock at their hands, & cauſe them to ceaſe from feeding the flock: neither ſhall the ſhepherds feede themſelves any more: for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meate for them. verſe 21. 22. *Becauſe ye have thruſt with ſide, & with ſhoulder, & puſht all the diſeaſed with your hornes, till ye have ſcattered them abroade: Therefore will I ſave my flock, and they ſhall no more be a prey, & I will cauſe the wild beaſts to ceaſe out of the land.*

When the ſhepherds feed themſelves, & are ready to devour us, apply, *The ſhepherds ſhall not feede themſelves any more. I will deliver my ſheep from their mouths, they ſhall no more devoure them.*

When through their greatneſſe and our weakneſſe, they puſh us ſo with their horns, that we are ſcattered, both ſhepherd from people, & one from another, apply, *I will help my ſheep, & they ſhall no more be ſpoyled; I will cauſe the wild*

beasts to cease out of the land.

The LX. Legacy.

When through wicked shepheards thou art come to great misery.

When through evill shepherds we are come to great misery apply, Ezc. 34. 16. *I will seeke that which was lost, and bring againe that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, & will strengthen that which was sick.* Ilai. 30. 20. *Though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, & the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers bee removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers.* When through evill shepherds thou art come to such an estate as thou feelest thy selfe to have lost God & goodnesse, & art driven away from all things that might

might helpe thee, apply, *I will seeke that which was lost, I will bring againe that which was driven away.* When thou art even broken with misery, and growne very weake, apply, *I will bind up that which was broken, and strengthen that which was weake.* When thy Teachers which should helpe thee in this estate, are forced to flye and hide themselves for feare of wicked shepherds, apply; *Thy teachers shall not be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy Teachers.*

Thus farre of the ordinances of God which are ordinary; Now for the duty of Fasting, which is extraordinary.

The LXI. Legacy.

When thou setteſt thy ſelfe to faſt.

When thou ſetteſt thy ſelfe to faſt, apply, Matth. 6. 18. *If thou faſt in ſecret, thy Father which ſeeth in ſecret will reward thee openly.* Iam. 4. 8. 10. *Draw nigh unto God, & he will draw nigh unto you. Humble your ſelves in the ſight of the Lord, & he ſhall lift you up.*

Thus farre of the meanes of Grace. The next promiſes are when we ſuffer perſecution for well-doing, for all that will live godly muſt ſuffer perſecution: therefore ſtrengthen thy ſelfe with theſe promiſes.

The LXII. Legacy.

If thou art railed upon for well-doing.

IF thou art railed upon for well-doing, apply, 1. Pet. 4. 14. *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of God, & of glory resteth upon you.*

Mat. 5. 11. 12. *Blessed are ye, when men revile you, & persecute you, & shall say all manner of evill against you falsely for my sake. Rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.*

The LXIII. Legacy.

If thou are persecuted.

WHen they persecute thee any other wayes even unto death, apply, Mat. 10. 39. *He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it.* Matth. 5. 10. *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousnesse sake: for theirs is the Kingdome of Heaven.* When yee lose any earthly blessing for Gods cause, apply Matth. 19. 24. *Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

This is the greatest (and yet lawfull) usury of all others, to part with one outward blessing, and to receive an hundred for it; to lose a miserable life, & to injoy eternall life; to suffer a short

ſhort time, and to have a great reward in heaven; to be diſgraced, and to have the ſpirit of glory reſt upon us. Therefore when thou art railed upon, apply, *Bleſſed am I, the Spirit of glory reſts upon me, therefore they cannot make me vile.* Art thou any way perſecuted? apply, *Theirs is the Kingdome of Heaven, great is your reward in heaven.* Take they thy life? apply, *He that loſeth his life for my ſake ſhall find it.* Take they away any earthly bleſsing? thou ſhalt receive an hundred fold at this preſent; therefore if Uſurers gladly let out their money, that hope to receive but eight in the hundred, bee aſhamed of thy ſelfe, that thou ſhouldſt not give one for an hundred, when thou haſt the promiſe of him that never failed to performe.

The LXIV. Legacy.

In partaking with Gods people in suffering.

In partaking with Gods people in suffering, that thou maist be partaker of their comforts, apply, 2 Cor. 1. 6. *As you are partakers of the sufferings: so shall ye be also of the consolation.*

The LXV. Legacy.

When thou art called to defend the truth.

When thou art called forth to defend the truth, apply, Matth. 10. 19. *When they deliver you up, take no thought, how, or what ye shal speak, for it shall be given you in that same houre*

houre what yee shall speake.

Luke 21.15. *I will give you a mouth and wisdome which all your adversaries shall not be able to gaine-say or resist.* Matth.10.32. *Whosoever confesseth me before men, him will I confesse before my Father which is in heaven.* When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to ſpeak in defence of the truth, apply, *It ſhall be given thee, though thou haſt it not before, in that houre, what thou ſhalt ſay.* If thou feareſt the learning of thine adverſaries, & thine owne ſimpleneſſe, apply, *I will give thee not only a mouth, but alſo wiſdome, where-againſt they ſhall not be able to ſpeake.* If thou want courage, embolden thy ſelf with this; Chriſt will confeſſe thee before his father.

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The LXVI. Legacy.

If thou wouldest bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate.

IF thou wouldst bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate, & for every duty, apply, Psa. 1. 3. *Thou shalt be as a tree which bringeth forth his fruit in season.* Ezek. 47. 12. *Hee shall bring forth fruit according to his moneths.* If thou art to speake or pray, or doe any duty that thou maist do it seasonably, and have fitting words & thoughts, apply *Thou shalt bring forth fruit in season.* So in every estate, prosperity or adversity, that thou maist bring forth the fruits of it, apply, *They shall bring forth fruit in season according to their moneths.*

Thus farre about spirituall things. The next promises, are about earthly things: and because Children are the most

most excellent, therefore I will begin with them.

The LXVII. LEGACY.

If thou haſt Children.

IF thou haſt children, apply, Pſ. 112. 2. *His ſeed ſhall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the juſt ſhall be bleſſed.* Deut. 7. 13. *He will bleſſe the fruit of thy womb.* Gen. 17. 7. *I will eſtabliſh my covenant betweene me and thee, & thy ſeed after thee, in their generations for an everlaſting covenant, to be a God unto thee, & to thy ſeed after thee.* Iſai. 44. 3. 4 *I will powre out my Spirit upon thy ſeed, and my bleſſing upon thine off-ſpring: and they ſhall ſpring up as among the graſſe, as willowes by the water courſes.* If thou deſireſt grace and Gods bleſſing for thy children, apply, I will powre my

spirit & blessing upon thy seede. If thou wouldest have them grow up in it, apply, *They shall grow as among the grasse, & as the willowes by the water-courses.* If thou wouldst have them in covenant with thy selfe, thy God to be their's, apply, *I will make an everlasting covenant with thee, to be God to thee, & to thy seed after thee.* Desirest thou outward things for them? apply, *His seed shall be mighty upon earth.*

The LXVIII. Legacy.

If thou wantest children.

IF thou wantest children, apply; Deut. 7. 14. *Thou shalt be blessed above all people, there shall neither be male nor female barren among you.* Deut. 28. 11. *The Lord shall make thee plentifull in the fruit of thy body.* Psal. 128. 3. *Thy wife*

shall

shall be as a fruitfull Vine by the sides of thine house, thy children like Olive plants round about thy table. verse. 4. 6. *Loe, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Thou shalt see thy childrens children.*

If thou hast conceived, apply this promise for keeping of it, Exod. 23. 26. *There shall none cast their young, nor be barren in thy land.* This and all other promises of earthly things, are to be applyed so farre as is good for us: we are not to doubt of them.

The LXIX. Legacy.

If the Lord deny thee children.

IF the Lord deny thee children, apply, Isai. 56. 5. *To them will I give mine house, and within my walls a place & a name better then of Sonnes and of*

Daughters,

Daughters, I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

The LXX. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have a comfortable and holy use of thy habitation.

IF thou wouldst have the comfortable and holy use of thine habitation, apply, Iob. 5. 24. *Thou shalt know that thy Tabernacle shall be in peace, and thou shalt visit thine habitation & not sin.* Psal. 91. 10. *There shall no evill befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.* Prov. 14. 11. *The Tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.* Prov. 12 7. *The house of the righteous shall stand.*

If thou wouldst prosper in thine house, apply, *Peace shall be in it. No plague shall come neer it. It shall flourish.* If thou wouldst have it continue so, apply,

apply, *It shall stand.* That they may not be a snare to thee, but that thou maist use thy blessing, & not sin, apply, *Thou shalt visit thy habitation, & not sinne.*

The LXXI. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have thy going out, and comming in blessed.

IF thou wouldst have thy comming in and going out blessed, apply; Deut. 28. 6. *Blessed shalt thou be when thou commest in, & blessed shalt thou bee when thou goest out;* Psal. 121. 8. *The Lord shall preserve thy going out, & thy comming in, from this time forth, & even for evermore.*

When thou goest out, if thou wouldst have heavens & earth, & all creatures blessed to thee, & bee made able to make the spiritual use of them, apply,

apply, *Blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out, and when thou comest in. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in.* If thou wouldst have the continuance of it, apply, *from this time forth for evermore.*

The LXXII. Legacy.

When thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfy, and be sanctified.

WHen thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfy thee, and thou maist have the sanctified use of it, apply, Ioel 2.26. *Ye shall eate in plenty and be satisfyed, and praise the name of the Lord your God.*

That thy meat & outward blessings may give thee content, & satisfy thee, apply,

apply, *Thou ſhalt eate and be ſatisfyed.*
That thou maiſt have the ſanctified uſe of it, apply, *Thou ſhalt praiſe the Lord*

The LXXIII. Legacy.

When thou takeſt thy reſt at night, &c.

WHen thou takeſt thy reſt at night apply Prov. 3. 24. *When thou lyeſt downe thou ſhalt not be afraid, yea thou ſhalt lye downe, and thy ſleep ſhall be ſweete.*
Iob 11. 19. *Alſo thou ſhalt be downe, & none ſhall make thee afraid.*
If thou be troubled with feares of the night apply *Thou ſhalt not be afraid.*
When thou takeſt thy reſt, apply, *None ſhall make thee afraid.*
If thou art troubled with any thing that breakes thy reſt, apply, *Thy reſt ſhall be ſweete.*

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The LXXIV. Legacy.

When thou putteſt thy hand to any worke.

WHen thou putteſt thine hand to any worke, that it may be bleſſed, apply, Deut. 28. 12. *The Lord ſhall bleſſe all the worke of thine hand.* Deut. 30. 9. *The Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every worke of thine hand.* The Lord will not only bleſſe ſome of thy workes, but every one; therefore in every worke ſend up ſhort prayers for the claiming of them, and ſo at our going out, and comming in, or ſleeping, renew theſe promiſes upon thy ſelfe, by faith applying them, and by prayer ſuing for them.

The

The LXXV. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have thine outward blessings blessed.

IF thou wouldst have thy outward blessings blessed of God, apply, Deut. 28. 4, 5. *Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, & the fruit of thy ground, & the fruit of thy cattell, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheepe. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.* Deut. 7. 13. 14. *The Lord will also blesse the fruit of thy wombe, and the fruit of thy land, thy corne, and thy wine, and thy oyle, the increase of thy kine, & the flocks of thy sheep. There shall be neither male nor female barren among you, or among your cattell.* That thy goods and thine house may be blessed, apply, *Blessed shall bee thy basket and thy store.* If thou beest in debt, apply, Deut. 28. 12. *Thou shalt lend*

lend unto many, and shalt not borrow.

The LXXVI. Legacy.

If thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands.

IF thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands, apply, Isai. 65. 21, 22, 23. *They shall build houses & inhabit them, they shall plant vineyards & eate the fruit of them. They shall not build, & another inhabit; they shall not plant & another eat: for as the daies of a tree are the daies of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the workes of their hands. They shall not labour in vaine, nor bring forth for trouble.* Psal. 128. 2. *Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands.*

The LXXVII. Legacy.

If thou art diligent in thy calling.

WHen thou art diligent in thy calling, apply, Prov. 12. 14. 24 *The recompence of a mans hands shall be rendred unto him. The hand of the diligent shall beare rule.* When thou enjoyest that thou hast laboured for, apply, Psal. 128. 2. *Thou shalt eate the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.*

The LXXVIII. Legacy.

When thou seest wicked men follow unsatisfying things with restlesse desires, and thou desirest content.

WHen thou seest the wicked to bee carried with restlesse desires, hungring and thirsting after those things which satisfy them not, and thou desirest content, apply, Isai. 65. 13. 14. *Therefore thus saith the Lord, behold my servants shall eate, but ye shall be hungry: behold my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold my servants rejoyce, but ye shall be ashamed: behold my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howle for vexation of spirit.*

The

The LXXIX. Legacy.

If thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord.

IF thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord, apply Pſal. 37. 9. 11. 18. 19. *Thoſe that waite upon the Lord ſhall inherit the earth, their inheritance ſhall be for ever: they ſhall not be aſhamed in the evill time. They ſhall inherit the earth, and delight themſelves in the abundance of peace.* Pſal. 112. 3. *Wealth and riches ſhall bee in his houſe.* Iob 22. 23. 24. *Thou ſhalt be built up, thou ſhalt lay up gold as duſt, and the gold of Ophir as the ſtones of the brookes,* verſ. 25. *Yea, the Almighty ſhall be thy defence, and thou ſhalt have plenty of ſilver.*

Gen. 15. 1. *I am thy exceeding great reward.* Feareſt thou the loſſe of thy

land, apply, *Thou ſhalt inherit the earth their inheritance ſhall be for ever. Thou ſhalt poſſeſſe the earth.* Doe others trouble thee? apply, *They ſhall have their delight in the multitude of peace.* Art thou poore, or feareſt the loſſe of thy goods? apply, *Riches and treaſure ſhall be in his houſe.* Art thou oppreſſed by the wicked? apply, *The Almighty ſhall be thy defence.*

The LXXX. Legacy.

When thou haſt loſt bleſſings by ſin.

When thou haſt loſt bleſſings by ſinne, apply theſe promiſes for their recovery, Ioel 2.24,25, 26. *The floores ſhall be full of wheat, and the fats ſhal overflow with wine and oyle, and I will reſtore to you the yeares that the Locuſt hath eaten, the canker-worme,*

worme, the catterpiller, and the palme-worme: and ye ſhall eat in plenty, and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the Lord. Deut. 30. 5 *I will multiply you above your fathers.*

The LXXXI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt loſſe of thy good name.

IF thou feareſt the loſſe of thy good name, apply, Iob 5. 21. *Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue.* Iob 11. 15. *Thou ſhalt lift up thy face without ſpot.* Pſal. 37. 6. *He ſhall bring forth thy righteouſneſſe as the light, and thy judgement as the noone day.* Prov. 10. 7. *The memory of the juſt is bleſſed.*

Feareſt thou the wicked will take away thy good name, apply, *Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue.* Caſt they blots upon thee?

apply, *Thou ſhalt lift up thy face without ſpot.* Seek they to darken the light of thy holy life? apply, *He ſhall bring forth thy righteouſneſſe as the light, and thy judgement as the noone day.*

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The LXXXIII. Legacy.

When thou art in want for ſoule or body.

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The LXXXIV. Legacy.

In liberall giving.

IN liberalll giving apply theſe promiſes, Prov. 11.25. *The liberall ſoule ſhall*

ſhall be made fat, and he that watereth ſhall be watered alſo himſelfe.

Prov. 19. 17. *He that hath pitty on the poore, lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him againe.*

Matth. 6. 4. *Give in ſecret, and thy Father himſelfe ſhall reward thee openly.* 2 Cor. 9. 6. 10. 11. *He which ſoweth bountifully ſhall reape bountifully. He that miniſtreth ſeed to the ſower, doth miniſter bread for your food, and multiply your ſeed ſowne, and increaſe the fruits of your righteouſneſs being enriched in every thing to all bountifulneſſe.*

Iſai. 58. 10. 11. *If thou draw out thy ſoule to the hungry, and ſatisfy the afflicted ſoule: then ſhall thy light riſe in obſcurity, and thy darkneſſe be as the noone day.*

And the Lord ſhall guide thee continually, and ſatisfy thy ſoule in draught,

and make fat thy bones, and thou ſhalt be like a watred garden, and like a ſpring of waters, whoſe waters faile not.

When thou giveſt to the people of God, and intreateſt them kindly, apply, Matth. 10.41.42. *He that receiveth a Prophet in the name of a Prophet, ſhall receive a Prophets reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man, in the name of a righteous man, ſhall receive a righteous mans reward. And whoſoever ſhall give to drinke unto one of theſe litle ones a cup of cold water onely in the name of a Diſciple, verily I ſay unto you, he ſhall in no wiſe loſe his reward.*

The LXXXV. Legacy.

If ſickneſſe be among us.

IF ſickneſſe be amongſt us, apply, Exo. 23.52. *I will take ſickneſſe away from*

from the midſt of thee.

Pſal.43.3. *The Lord will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of languiſhing; thou wilt make all his bed in his ſickneſſe.*

Deut.7.15. *And the Lord will take away from thee all ſickneſſe, and will put none of the evill deſeaſes of Egypt upon thee.*

If the plague be among us, apply, Pſ.91.3.6.7. *Surely he ſhall deliver thee from the noyſome peſtilence. Thou ſhalt not be afraid of the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſſe, nor for the deſtruction that waſteth at noone day. A thouſand ſhal fall at thy ſide, and tenne thouſand at thy right hand: but it ſhal not come nigh thee.*

Art thou ſick? apply, *The Lord will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of ſorrow: thou wilt make all his bed in his ſickneſſe.*

Art thou there where the ſick are? apply, *I will take away all ſickneſſe from the midſt of thee.*

Feareſt thou the peſtilence? apply,

I will deliver thee from the noysome peſtilence.

The LXXXVI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt death.

IF thou feareſt death, apply, Iſai. 57. 2. *He ſhall enter into peace, they ſhall reſt in their beds.* None feares to goe to bed, when they know they ſhall reſt being weary. This reſting is more ſure and laſting for ever. Rom. 8. 11. *He that raiſed up Chriſt from the dead, ſhall quicken our mortall bodies.* Therefore we muſt not thinke of it but as a better life given by the ſpirit of God.

The

The LXXXVII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt untimely death.

IF thou feareſt untimely death, apply, Iob.5.26. *Thou ſhalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a ſhocke of corne cometh in, in his ſeaſon.* Exod.23.26. *The number of thy dayes will I fulfill.* Pſ.91.16. *With long life will I ſatisfy him, and ſhew him my ſalvation.* Pſal.41 2. *The Lord will preſerve him and keepe him alive, & he ſhall be bleſſed upon the earth.*

Haſt thou many enemies, & feareſt the loſſe of thy life by them? apply, *the number of thy dayes will I fulfill:* the Lord will preſerve him and keep him alive, therefore man cannot ſhorten it one day.

Feareſt thou that thou ſhalt either live too long, or dye too ſoone? apply

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Thou ſhalt goe to thy grave in a full age; as a rick of corne commeth in due ſeaſon into the barne.

The LXXXVIII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures.

IF thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures, apply, Gen. 9. 2. *The feare of you and the dread of you ſhall be upon every beaſt of the earth, and upon every fowle of the ayre, upon all that moveth upon the earth, upon al the fiſhes of the ſea into your hand are they delivered,* Iob. 5 23. *Thou ſhalt be in league with the ſtones of the field: and the beaſts of the field ſhall be at peace with thee.*

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The LXXXIX. Legacy.

When thou haſt a troubled heart.

WHen thine heart is troubled either for ſoule or body, apply, Phil. 4. 7. *The peace of God which paſſeth all underſtanding, ſhall keep your hearts and minds.* Pſal. 29. 11. *The Lord will bleſſe his people with peace.*

Is thine heart troubled with many temptations of Satan, or with feares of ſin and miſery? apply, *The peace of God ſhall preſerve your hearts.* Haſt thou many troubles outwardly? apply, *The Lord ſhall bleſſe his people with peace.*

The

The XC. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have thy purpose to prosper.

IF thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper, apply, Iob 22.28. *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy wayes.*

Psal. 1. 3. *Whatsoever he doth shall prosper.* Psal. 37.5. *Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him, and he shall bring it to passe.*

When thou often purposest to doe good both for thy soule and body, and yet findest thy purposes broken, apply, *Thou shalt decree a thing, and the Lord shall stablish it unto thee. He shall bring it to passe.* When thou art in doing of any thing, apply, *Whatsoever he doth shall prosper.*

The

The XCI. Legacy.

When thou art called to a great worke.

WHen thou art called to a great worke, wherein thou ſhalt have great oppoſition, apply, Deut. 31 8. *The Lord he it is that doth goe before thee, he will be with thee, he will not faile thee, neither forſake thee: feare not, neither be diſmayed.* 2 Chro. 16.9. *The Lord will ſhew himſelfe ſtrong in the behalfe of them whoſe heart is perfect towards him.* Pſal. 91. 11, 12, 13. *Hee ſhall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy wayes: They ſhall beare thee up in their hands, leſt thou daſh thy foot againſt a ſtone. Thou ſhalt tread upon the Lyon and Adder: the young Lyon and Dragon ſhalt thou trample under feet.*

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It matters not what be the lets oppoſe us, when the Lord goes before us, he will eaſily beate them downe: nor what ſtrength reſiſts ſuch, as hee hath promiſed to ſhew his ſtrength for: nor how many be our dangers, when his Angels have charge over us to keep us. Therefore goe on in the worke, aud feare not the iſſue, being ſtrengthened by the promiſes of him, that never faileth his.

The XCII. Legacy.

In times of danger.

IN the time of danger, apply, 1 Sam. 2. 9. *The Lord will keep the feet of his Saints.* Prov. 1. 33. *Whoſo harkeneth unto me ſhall dwell ſafely, and ſhall be quiet from feare of evill.* Iob 11. 18. 19. *Thou ſhalt be ſecure, becauſe there is hope, yea thou*

thou ſhalt digge about thee, and thou ſhalt take thy reſt in ſafety, alſo thou ſhalt lye downe, and none ſhall make thee afraid. Pſ. 125. 1. 2. *they which truſt in the Lord, ſhall be as mount Sion which cannot bee removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountaines are round about* Ieruſalem, *ſo the Lord is round about his people from hence-forth, even for ever.*

Pſ. 121. 3, 4, 5. *He will not ſuffer thy foote to be moved: hee that keepeth thee will not ſlumber. Behold, he that keepeth* Iſrael *will neither ſlumber nor ſleepe. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy ſhade upon thy right hand.* Seeing the Lord is our keeper, wee need not feare the danger.

The

The XCIII. Legacy.

When thou art in great trouble, &c.

WHen thou art in great trouble, apply, Isai. 43. 2. *When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the Rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.* vers. 20. *I will give waters in the wilderness, and Rivers in the desart, to give drinke to my people, my chosen.* Psal. 32. 6, 7. *Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt preserve me from trouble, thou shalt compasse me about with songes of deliverance.*

When thou seest thy selfe compassed with many troubles, and beginnest

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to feare, apply, *I will be with thee, they ſhall not overflow thee.* In the fire of affliction, thou ſhalt not onely not be burnt, but the flame ſhall not kindle upon thee, the greateſt trouble ſhall doe thee the leaſt harme, for God being with thee, wil bring thee out, as he did *Iſrael* through the ſea, and the three children out of the fire, with not ſo much as the ſavour of fire about them: ſo ſhall not ſo much as the ſavour of evill be upon his, but hee will compaſſe them about with ſongs of deliverance.

The XCIV. Legacy.

When thou ſeemeſt to be forgotten in affliction.

WHen thou ſeemeſt to be forgotten in affliction, apply,

9.18. *The Lord alſo will be a refuge for the oppreſſed: a refuge in times of trouble. For the needy ſhall not alway be forgotten the expectation of the poore ſhall not periſh for ever.*

Iſai. 48. 50. *Can a woman forget her ſucking child, that ſhe ſhould not have compaſſion on the Sonne of her wombe? yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee.* Pſal. 103. 9. *He will not alwaies chide, neither will he keepe his anger for ever.* Lam. 3. 31. 32. *The Lord will not caſt off for ever. But though he cauſe griefe, yet will he have compaſſion, according to the multitude of his mercies.*

The XCV. Legacy.

When thou feareſt to dye in miſery.

WHen thou feareſt thou ſhalt end thy dayes in miſery, apply,

ply, Iob. 36, 11. *They ſhall ſpend their dayes in proſperity, and their yeares in pleaſures.*

The XCVI. Legacy.

When thy ſorrowes grow great.

WHen thy ſorrowes grow great, apply, Iob. 11. 16. *Thou ſhalt forget thy miſery, and remember it as waters that paſſe away.* Iob. 8. 20. 21. *Behold, God will not caſt away a perfect man, till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoycing,* Pſal. 27. 14. *Be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen thy heart.* Pſ. 112. 4. *Vnto the upright there ariſeth light in the darkneſſe.* Pſal. 126. 5. 6. *They that ſow in teares ſhall reape in joy; He that goeth forth & weepeth, bearing precious ſeed, ſhal doubtleſſe come againe with rejoycing, bringing his*

ſheaves

sheaves with him.

Prov. 10. 28. *The hope of the righteous shall be gladnesse.*

Matth. 5. 4. *Blessed are they that mourne, for they shall be comforted.*

Iohn 16. 62. *Yee now have sorrow: but I will see you againe, and your hearts shall rejoyce, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

Hath sorrow taken deep root in thy soule, that thou feareſt thou shalt never find hearty joy? apply, *Hee shall comfort thine heart.* Is such a crosse upon thee, that thou feareſt thou shalt never forget it? apply, *Thou shalt forget thy misery, as waters that passe away.*

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The XCVII. Legacy.

When thou knoweſt no way out of miſery for ſoule or body.

WHen thou art in ſuch an eſtate, as thou knoweſt no way out of miſery, either for ſoule or body, or both, apply, Ier. 33. 3. *Call unto me, and I will anſwer thee, and ſhew thee great and mighty things which thou knoweſt not.*

The CXVIII. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have deliverance out of trouble.

IF thou wouldſt have deliverance out of trouble, apply, Pſal. 149. 4. *He will beautifie the meeke with ſalvation*: or He will make the meeke glorious by deliverance.

Pſal. 34. 17, 19. *The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.* Iob. 5. 17, 18, 19. *Happy is the man whom God correcteth, for he maketh ſore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. Hee ſhall deliver thee in ſixe troubles, in ſeaven there ſhall no evill touch thee.* Pſal. 50. 15. *Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou ſhalt glorify me.*

When thou art in many troubles, and feareſt thou ſhalt never get out of all, apply, *The Lord will deliver thee out of all.* If the Lord hath delivered thee once or twice, and thou feareſt he will not continue ſo ſtill, as often as thou falleſt into troubles, apply, *He ſhall deliver thee in ſixe troubles, and the ſeaventh it ſhall not touch thee.*

The XCIX. Legacy.

If thine enemies prevaile.

WHen thine enemies prevaile, apply, Psal. 125. 3. *The rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.* Psal. 18. 3. *I will call upon the Lord: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.* 1 Sam. 2. 10. *The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces: the eyes of the wicked shall faile, their refuge shall perish, their hope shall be sorrow of mind.* Iob. 11. 20. Deut. 28. 7. *The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee, to be smitten before thy face.*

Seest thou many to rise up to trouble thee? apply, *thine enemies that rise against thee, shall fall before thy face.* Hope they to prevaile against thee?

Ply, *their hope shall be sorrow of minde*: Have they great means to cause them to prosper? apply, *their refuge shall perish*. Have they long oppressed thee? apply, *the rod of the wicked shall not alwayes rest upon the lot of the righteous*. Seest thou no meanes to get from them? say with the Prophet David, *I will call upon the Lord, so shall I be safe from mine enemies*.

The C. Legacy.

That thou mayst be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted.

THat thou maist be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted in thy stead, apply, Deut. 30. 7. *The Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, & on them that hate thee, which persecute thee*. Prov. 21. 18. *The wicked shall be a ransome for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright*.

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The CI. Legacy.

If thou wouldst have thine enemies destroyed, &c.

IF thou wouldst have thine enemies destroyed, apply, Iob. 8.22. *They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.*

Isai. 41.11.13.15. *Behold all they which were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded, they shall be as nothing, and they that strive with thee shall perish: for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Feare not, I will helpe thee. Thou shalt thresh the mountaines and beate them small, and shalt make the hils as chaffe,* by which mountaines and hils

is meant the greateſt enemies. 1 Sam. 2.30. *They that deſpiſe me ſhall be lightly eſteemed.* Theſe promiſes are to be applyed by us, as they are the enemies of God and his Goſpell, and ours for his ſake.

The CII. Legacy.

If the wicked plot againſt thee.

IF the wicked plot againſt thee, apply, Pſal. 37.12. *The wicked plot againſt the juſt, their ſword ſhall enter into their owne heart, their bow ſhall be broken. The Lord ſhall laugh at him.* Iſai. 54 15. *The enemies ſhall ſurely gather themſelves together againſt thee, but not by me; whoſoever ſhall gather themſelves together againſt thee ſhall fall.*

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The CIII. Legacy.

In the troubles of the Church.

IN the troubles of the Church, apply, Psal. 128. 6. *Thou shalt see peace upon* Israel, vers. 5. *Thou shalt see the good of* Ierusalem *all the dayes of thy life* Ier. 31. 12. *Thou shalt come and sing in the height of* Sion: when thou hast applyed the promises and used all the meanes, and yet find'st not thy selfe filled with God, as thou desirest, then comfort thy selfe with this, *Yet a little while, and when thou awakest, thou shalt be satisfied with his Image*, Psal. 17. 15.

The CIV. Legacy.

For the fall of Antichrist.

BEcause the time draweth neere of the fall of Antichrist, we must

ſtirre up our ſelves to haſten the Lord by earneſt prayers, and for the ſtrengthening of our faith, apply theſe promiſes, Rev. 17. 16. *And the tenne hornes which thou ſaweſt upon the Beaſt, theſe ſhall hate the Whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and ſhall eat her fleſh, and ſhall burne her with fire,* Rev. 18. 8. 21. *Therefore ſhall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning, and famine, and ſhe ſhall be utterly burnt with fire, for ſtrong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And a mighty Angell tooke up a ſtone, like a great Milſtone, and caſt it into the ſea, ſaying, Thus with violence ſhall that great City* Babylon *be throwne downe, & ſhall be found no more at all.* Even ſo come Lord Jeſus, and haſten this happy day.

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The CV. Legacy.

For the calling of the Jewes.

SEeing the Lord hath promiſed many glorious things to the Jewes with much grace and peace, both to the Jewes and Gentiles at their converſion; when the tenne tribes ſhall be reunited to the two, which never yet was, let us never give him reſt till he ſet up *Ieruſalem* the praiſe of the world, and for the ſtrengthening of us in prayer, apply theſe promiſes: Ezek. 37. 21. 22. *Thus ſaith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of* Iſrael, *from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every ſide, and bring them into their owne land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the*

mountaines of Israel: *and one King shall be King to them all, and they shall be no more two Nations, neither shall they be divided into two Kingdomes any more at all.* Ier. 3. 18. *In those dates the house of* Iudah *shall walke with the house of* Israel, *and they shall come together out of the land of the North to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.* Isai. 60. 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 16. *The Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seene upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to the light, and Kings to the brightnesse of the rising, thy sonnes shall come from farre, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall feare and be inlarged, because the Sea shall be converted unto thee. the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Whereas thou hast beene forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternall excellency, a joy of*

many generations: Thou ſhalt alſo ſuck the milk of the Gentiles, and ſhalt ſuck the breaſt of Kings. Iſai. 62. 2, 3, 49. *The Gentiles ſhall ſee thy righteouſneſſe, and all Kings thy glory, and thou ſhalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord ſhall name, thou ſhalt alſo be a crowne of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royall diadem in the hand of thy God.* Iſai. 61. 4, 5, 6. *They ſhall build the old waſts, they ſhall raiſe up the former deſolations, they ſhall repayre the waſt cities, the deſolations of many generations, And ſtrangers ſhall ſtand and feed your flocks, and the ſonnes of the alien ſhall be your plough-men, and your vine-dreſſers, but ye ſhall be named the Prieſts of the Lord: men ſhall call you the miniſters of our God, ye ſhall eat the riches of the Gentiles, & in their glory ſhall you boaſt your ſelves.* Iſai. 48, 22, *Thus ſaith the Lord: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and ſet up my ſtandard to the people,*

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and they shall bring thy sonnes in their armes, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders; and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers, and their Queenes thy nursing Mothers, they shall bow downe to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet.

A Post-script sent from the Authour.

THese promises I have observed: many more there be of most excellent use, but because they need opening for the understanding of them, I would not set them downe, lest through the shallownesse of my understanding I should wrong the precious promises: but I picked out the most plaine, and those that I found of continuall use for soule and body, which I have found much good by, for the promises are

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our Legacies bequeathed to us in the will of our Father, and we are to claime them, as we ſtand in need of any of them: and ſurely that God which would not have children wronged in that which is bequeathed to them in the will of their Fathers, much leſſe will he withhold that which his Son hath bequeathed to us in his laſt will, which he ſealed with his bloud: Therefore let us ſue for them, for he ſaith, he will bee ſought to performe them to us. And when thou applyeſt any promiſe, ſeeke unto the condition, and labour to keep it, and doubt not of the performance of what is promiſed, for he is both able and faithfull that hath promiſed.

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Promises.

I.

THat God hath freely loved his Elect in Christ Iesus.

I will be gracious, to whom I will be gracious: and I will shew mercy, on whom I will shew mercy. Exod. 33. 19.

I, even I am he that blotteth out thy transgression for mine owne sake, Esa. 43. 25.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions. Esa. 44. 22.

I will heale their back-slidings: I will love them freely. Hosea 14. 4.

That

II.

That God hath given Christ to dye for his Elect.

I will put enmity betweene thee and the woman: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heele. Gen. 3. 15.

But he was wounded for our transgression. Esai. 53. 5.

When he shall make his soule an offering for sin. 10.

He was numbred with the transgressors and bare the sinnes of many. 12.

Seaventy weeks are determined upon thy people to finish the transgressions, and to make an end of sin. Dan. 9. 24.

III.

That we are freely justified by Iesus Christ.

So by the obedience of one, many shall be made righteous Rom. 5. 19.

And are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Iesus. Rom. 3. 24.

By his knowledge ſhall my righteous ſervant juſtify many. Iſai. 53. 11.

IV.

That God hath made a Covenant with his Children to be their God.

I will eſtabliſh my Covenant betweene me and thee, and thy ſeed after thee in their generations for an everlaſting Covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy ſeed after thee. Gen. 17. 7.

I will walke among you, and will be your God, and ye ſhall be my people. Levit. 26. 26.

With great and eternall mercies will I gather thee. Iſai. 54. 7.

I will be their God, and they ſhall be my people. Ier. 31. 33.

I will ſay to them, Thou art my people; and they ſhall ſay, thou art my God. Hoſ. 2. 23.

That

V.

That God will call his Children to the knowledge of his Truth.

The meeke will hee teach his wayes. Pſal.25.9.

I will inſtruct thee, and teach thee in all the way that thou ſhalt goe. Pſalme 32.8.

All thy Children ſhall be taught of the Lord. Eſa.54.13.

For they ſhall all know me from the leaſt of them to the greateſt, ſaith the Lord. Ier.31.34.

I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way that thou ſhouldſt goe. Eſa.48.17.

VI.

That God will give his Spirit unto his children.

I will powre out my ſpirit upon you. Prov.1.23.

I will powre water upon him that is thirſty. Eſa.44.3.

I

I will put my ſpirit within you. Ezek. 36.27.

I will powre out my ſpirit upon all fleſh. Ioel 2.28.

I will powre upon the houſe of David *the ſpirit.* Zach. 12.10.

I will pray unto the Father, and he ſhall give you even the ſpirit of Truth. Iohn. 14.16.17.

VII.

That God will cauſe his Children to truſt in him by faith.

Many ſhall ſee it and feare, and ſhall truſt in the Lord. Pſal. 40.3.

Vnder his wings ſhalt thou truſt. 91. 4.

On my armes ſhall they truſt. Eſa. 51. 1.

The juſt ſhall live by his faith. Hab. 2.4.

They ſhall truſt in the name of the Lord. Zeph. 3.12.

In

In his name shall the Gentiles trust. Matth.12.21.

VIII.

That God will give his Children an humble and broken heart.

I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh. Ezek.11.19.

I will powre on them the spirit of supplication, and they shall mourne for him as one mourneth for his onely Sonne. Zach.12.10.

Every mountaine and hill shall be brought low. Luk.3.5.

The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart. Deut.30.6.

IX.

That Gods Children shall have power to mortify and overcome sinne.

For sin shall not have dominion over

you

you, for yee are not under the Law, but under Grace. Rom. 6. 12.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be cleansed from all your filthinesse. Ezek. 36. 25.

He will subdue our iniquities. Micah 7. 19.

Every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it.

X.

That the Children of God shall live a holy and sanctified life.

He shall be like a tree that bringeth forth fruit in his season. Psal. 1. 3.

I will put my Law into their inward parts. Ier. 31. 33.

The sent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Hosea 14. 7.

For their sakes sanctify I my selfe, that they may be sanctifyed through the Truth. Iohn 17. 19.

In holinesse and righteousnesse all the

dayes of our lives. Luk. 1. 75.

The Lord of peace ſanctify you throughout. 1 Theſ. 5 23.

Faithfull is he that hath promiſed you. verſ. 24.

XI.

They that love God.

I will circumciſe thy heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoule, that thou maiſt live. Deut. 30. 6.

XII.

That God will give his Children hearts to delight in all his holy Ordinances.

With gladneſſe and rejoycing ſhall they be brought: They ſhall enter into the Kings Palace. Pſal. 45. 15.

Therefore with joy ſhall they draw waters out of the wells of Salvation. Eſa. 12 3.

And

And in this mountaine ſhall the Lord of Hoſts make unto all people a feaſt of fat things. 25.6.

Even them will I bring to my holy mountaine, and make them joyfull in my houſe of Prayer. 56.7.

Ye ſhall be borne upon her ſides, and be dandled upon her knees. 66.12.

So will I comfort you, and ye ſhall be comforted. 13.

And when yee ſee this, your hearts ſhall be comforted. 14.

The feaſt of the tenth month ſhall be unto the houſe of Iudah, *joy and gladneſſe, and chearfull Feaſts.* Zach.8.19.

XIII.

That God will give his Children hearts to feare and ſerve him.

They ſhall ſanctify my name, and ſanctify the holineſſe of Iacob, *and ſhall feare the God of* Iſrael. Eſa.29.23.

They ſhall ſerve the Lord their God,

and David their King. Ier. 30. 9.

That wee being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might ſerve him without feare. Luk. 1. 74.

XIV.

That God will give his Children hearts to ſeek him by prayer.

He ſhall call upon me, and I will heare him. Pſal. 91. 15.

Then ſhall ye call upon me, and ye ſhall pray unto me, and I will heare you. Ier. 29. 12.

And ye ſhall ſeek me and find me: ſearch for me with all your hearts. 13.

I will powre upon the houſe of David, and upon the inhabitants of Ieruſalem the ſpirit of Grace and of Supplication. Zach. 12. 10.

XV.

That God will heare the Prayers of his Children.

Call upon me in the day of Trouble, and

I will deliver thee. Pſal. 50. 15.

He ſhall call upon me, and I will anſwer him. 91. 15.

He will heare their cry, and will ſave them. 145. 19.

Then ſhalt thou call, and the Lord ſhall anſwer. Eſa. 58. 9.

Before they call, I will anſwer, and while they are ſpeaking I will heare. 65. 24.

He ſhall ſeeke me and ſhall find me, when you ſhall ſeeke I will bee found of you. Ier. 29. 13. 14.

Yee ſhall aske what ye will, and it ſhall be done unto you. Iohn 15. 7.

Aske and it ſhall be given you: ſeeke and ye ſhall find. Matth. 7. 7.

Whatſoever ye ſhall aske in prayer, believing ye ſhall receive. Mat. 21. 22.

XVI.

That we may perſevere in grace.

They ſhall bring forth fruit in their

old age. Psal. 21. 14.

His leafe shall not wither. 1. 2.

The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soule in drought; and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watred Garden, and like a spring whose waters faile not. Esa. 58. 11.

XVII.

That God will give unto his Children the good things of this life.

But the meeke shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Psal. 37. 11.

There is no want to them that seek him. Psal. 34. 11.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. 10.

No good thing shall he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psal. 84. 11.

That

XVIII.

That God will guide his Children by his speciall providence in all their wayes.

I will not leave thee nor forsake thee. Heb 13.15.

Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. Prov. 3. 23. *For the Lord shall be thy Confidence.* 26.

He shall give his Angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy wayes. Psal. 91 11.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy comming in. 121.8.

And even to your old age I am he, and even to hoare-haires will I carry you. Esa. 46.4.

XIX.

That God will blesse those which are diligent in their Calling.

The Lord will command the blessing

upon thee in all thou ſetteſt thy hand unto. Deut. 28. 8.

Thou ſhalt eat the labour of thy hand: happy ſhalt thou be, and it ſhall be well with thee. Pſal. 128. 2.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich Prov. 10. 4.

He that tilleth his land, ſhall be ſatisfied with bread. 12. 11.

XX.

That God will bleſſe thoſe that keep his Sabbaths.

Bleſſed is the man that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it. Eſa. 56. 2.

If thou turne away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleaſure on my holy day: and call the Sabbath a delight: 58. 3.

XXI.

Then ſhall, &c. 14.

Then this City ſhall remaine for ever. Ier. 17. 24, 25.

That

XXI.

That God will reward those that are fruitful in good workes.

He hath given to the poore: his righteousnesse indureth for ever. Ps. 112. 9.

The liberall soule shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himselfe. Prov. 11. 25.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Prov. 3. 9.

So shall thy barnes be filled with plenty: and thy presses shall burst with new wine. 10.

He that hath a bountifull eye shall be blessed: for he giveth of his bread to the poore. Prov. 22. 9.

He that giveth to the poore shall not lack: but he that hideth his eye, shall have many a curse. Prov. 28. 27.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: For thou shalt find it after many dayes. Eccles. 11. 1.

Bleſſed are the mercifull, for they ſhall obtaine mercy. Mat.5.7.

Whoſoever ſhall give to drinke unto one of theſe little ones a cup of cold water: he ſhall in no wiſe loſe his reward. Matth. 10.42.

Then ſhall the King ſay to them on his right hand, Come ye bleſſed of my Father, inherit the Kingdome prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 25. 34.

XXII.

That we ſhall receive good by the ſociety of the faithfull.

He that walketh with wiſe men ſhall be wiſe. Prov.13.20.

Then they that feare the Lord, ſpake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it. And a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his Name. Malach. 3.16.

And

And they ſhall bee mine, ſaith the Lord God of Hoſts, in that day when I make up my Iewels, and I will ſpare them, as a man ſpareth his owne ſonne that ſerveth him. 17.

For where two or three bee gathered together in my name: there am I in the midſt of them. Matth. 18. 20.

XXIII.

That God will keep afflictions from his Children as it may be for their God.

The Lord ſhall preſerve thee from all evill. Pſal. 121. 7.

The Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out and thy comming in from this time forth and for evermore.

He ſhall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings ſhalt thou truſt: his truth ſhall be thy Shield and Buckler. Pſal. 91. 4.

There ſhall no evill befall thee: nei-

ther shall any plague come neare thy dwelling. 10.

As the mountaines are about Ierusalem, so is the Lord about his people for ever. Psal. 125. 2.

XXIV.

That otherwise God will be with, preserve, and keepe his Children in afflictions that they hurt them not.

In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the Angell of his presence saved them: in his love, and in his pity he redeemed them, and he bare them and carryed them all the dayes of old, Esa. 63. 9.

They shall not be ashamed in the evill time, and in the dayes of famine they shall be satisfyed, Psal. 37. 19 He is their strength in the time of trouble, 39. The Lord shall helpe and deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they trust in him, 40. Feare them not, for I

am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will helpe thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousnesse.

Feare not thou worme, Jacob: I will helpe thee, saith the Lord God, and thy Redeemer the holy one of Israel, 14.

When thou passest through the water, I will be with thee: and through the Rivers that they shall not over-flow thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt: neither shall the flames kindle upon thee, Esa. 43. 2.

XXV.

That God will deliver his Children out of afflictions in his due time.

He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noysome pestilence. I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him and honour him, 15.

Many are the troubles of the righteous.

but

but the Lord delivers them out of them all. Pſal. 34. 19.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee. Pſal. 50. 15.

I will reſtore health unto thee: I will heale thee of thy wounds ſaith the Lord. Ier. 30. 17.

I will deliver thee in that day, and thou ſhalt not fall by thy ſword. Ier. 39. 17. Iohn 3. 19.

XXVI.

That God will ſanctify all afflictions for the good of his people.

I will turne my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy droſſe, and take away all thy tynne. Eſa. 1. 25.

By this therefore ſhall the iniquity of Iacob *be purged, and this is all the fruit, to take away his ſinne.* Eſa. 27. 9.

And ſome of them of underſtanding ſhall fall to try them, and to purge and

make

make them white. Dan. 11. 35.

Many ſhall be purified and made white and tryed. Dan. 12. 10.

And I will bring the third part through the fire: and I will refine them as ſilver is refined, and will try them as gold is tryed: they ſhall call on my Name, and I will heare them. Zach. 13. 9.

XXVII.

That God in his owne time will ſubdue all the enemies of his Church.

I will ſubdue all thy enemies. 2 Chr. 17.

I will puniſh the fruit of the ſtout heart of the King of Aſſyria: *and the glory of his high lookes.* Eſa. 10. 12.

Therefore I will put my hooke in thy noſe, and my bridle in thy lips: and I will turne thee back by the way which thou cameſt Eſa. 37. 29.

For the armes of the wicked ſhall bee broken. Pſal. 37. 17.

I am againſt thee O Gog, Ezek. 39. 1.
And I will turne thee backe. 2.

And then ſhall that wicked be reveiled whom the Lord ſhall conſume with the ſpirit of his mouth, and ſhall deſtroy with the brightneſſe of his comming, 2 Theſ. 2. 8.

And the ten hornes, theſe ſhall hate the whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and ſhall eate her fleſh and burne her with fire. Rev. 17. 16.

I will ſmite thy bow out of thy left hand, and I will cauſe thy arrowes to fall out of thy right hand, Ezek. 39. 3.

XXVIII.

That the Children of God ſhall dye happily.

They ſhall come to the grave in a full age: like as a ſhocke of Corne commeth in his ſeaſon. Job 5. 26.

He ſhall goe in peace, they ſhall reſt in their beds: each one walking in his uprightneſſe, Eſa. 57. 1.

Marke

Marke the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace, Pſal.37.37.

XXIX.

That the juſt ſhall be raiſed unto eternall life.

I will ranſome them from the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death O death, I will be thy plague: O grave, I will be thy deſtruction, Hoſ.13.14.

And many of them that ſleep in the duſt of the earth ſhall awake, to everlaſting life, and ſome to ſhame. Dan.12.2.

All that are in the graves ſhall come forth: they that have done good, unto the Reſurrection of life. Ioh.5.29.

I will raiſe him up at the laſt day. 6.40.

He that raiſed up the Lord Ieſus, ſhall raiſe us up alſo by Ieſus, 2 Cor.4.14.

When Chriſt who is our life ſhall appeare, then ſhall yee appeare with him in glory, Coloſ.3.4.

XXX.

That God will reward the labours of the righteous in the life to come.

Rejoyce and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Matth. 5. 12.

Whoſoever ſhall forſake houſes, or brethren, or ſiſters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my Names ſake, he ſhall receive a hundred fold more, and ſhall inherit everlaſting life. 19. 29.

Come ye bleſſed of my Father: inherit yee the Kingdome prepared for you before the foundation of the world. Matth. 25. 34.

Thou ſhalt be recompenſed at the reſurrection of the juſt. Luk. 14. 14.

He that overcometh ſhall inherit all things. Rev. 21. 7.

That

XXXI.

That God will make good and performe all that he hath promiſed.

And I will performe the Oath which I ſware unto Abraham *thy Father.* Gen. 26.3.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God he is God, the faithfull God, which keepeth Covenant and mercy with them that love him. Deut. 7.9.

Bleſſed be the Lord that hath given reſt unto his people, there hath not failed one word of all his good promiſes which he promiſed. 1 Kings 8.56.

My Covenant will I not breake, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Pſal. 89.34.

Thus ſaith the Lord, if you can breake my Covenant of the day, and my Covenant of the night, That there ſhould not be day and night in their ſeaſon. Ier. 33. 20.

Then

Then may alſo my Covenant be broken 21.

For all the promiſes of God in him are Yea, and in him, Amen, 2 Cor. 1. 20.

1 GIve me underſtanding and I ſhal keepe thy Word: yea, I will obſerve it with my whole heart, *Pſalm.* 119. 34.

Deale with thy ſervant according to thy mercies, and teach me thy Statutes, *Pſal.* 119. 124.

2. How ſweet are thy words unto my taſte: yea, ſweeter then honey to my mouth, *Pſal.* 119. 103.

What ſhall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? *Pſal.* 116. 12.

3. Conſider how I love thy precepts, quicken me O Lord, according to thy loving kindneſſe, *Pſal.* 119. 159

With

With my whole heart have I ſought thee, O let me not wander from thy Commandements, *Pſal.* 119.10.

4. For ever, O Lord, thy Word is ſetled in Heaven: thy faithfulneſſe is unto all generations, *Pſal.* 113.19.

Plead my cauſe and deliver me, quicken me according to thy Word, *Pſal.* 119. 154.

5. Whatſoever the Lord pleaſed, that did he in heaven and in earth. *Pſal.* 135.6.

Make me to underſtand the way of thy precepts, ſo ſhall I talke of thy wondrous workes, *Pſal.* 11.27.

6. Remember thy word unto thy ſervant, upon which thou haſt cauſed me to hope, *Pſal.* 119.49.

VVho is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high? *Pſal.* 113. 5.

7. Incline my heart unto thy Teſtimonie, and not unto covetouſneſſe, *Pſal.* 119.36. When

When my ſpirit was overwhelmed within me, thou kneweſt my paths. *Pſal.* 142. 3.

8 My ſoule is continually in my hand, yet doe I not forget thy Law, *Pſal.* 119. 109.

Stabliſh thy word unto thy ſervant, who is devoted to thy feare. *Pſal.* 119. 38.

A Postscript to all true Beleevers.

Gracious Beleevers,

KNowing you to be the onely Heires of those rich & precious promises, which it hath pleased our gracious Father freely to give unto his beloved Children: I have presumed without your knowledge, to bequeath unto you a fatherlesse childe, brought forth into the world without the Parents knowledge, hoping you will not be unwilling to let it passe under your favourable protection. For the subject matter of it, it is very beautifull, and of such use, as no childe of God can passe to Heaven without it, and in that regard, it shall be no shame unto you whom the Lord hath honoured with the grace of beleeving, to accept of this small Treatise, from one that desires

your

your prospering in your soules and bodies. There is no blemish in this that I dedicate unto you, but such as came by the hands of the unskilfull bringer forth of it, which onely minded their owne good in it. And weighing daily the beauty of it, and the sweet refreshing strength which flowed from it, for the overcomming of those three deadly enemies, the Devill, Sin, and the World, they desired that God would be pleased to move the mindes of some of his most skilfull workemen, to put to their hands to frame a more perfect worke upon so perfect a subject, and to give a more comely forme to this so beautifull a subject, and till then they intended to smother in their bosomes the beauty of this, rather then to bring it forth with the blemishes of their unskilfulnesse. But the good that may be gained by it, being unutterable, I hope grace in the hearts of Gods people will cause them, like the Bee, to sucke out the sweete and nourishing vertue of these fragrant flowers, that grow here and there in the garden of Gods Word, and not with discontent to cast away this pleasant posie, gathered out of the celestiall Eden *of the sacred Scriptures, because an unskilfull hand, and indeed unworthy, hath bound them up together,*

gether, not so orderly as might please the curious eye of man, no nor their owne, neither was it their ayme so to doe. If any gaine any good by it, the gatherer of these sweete flowers together, neither deserves nor desires thankes, for they intended it to none, but to themselves, and some private friends, whose importunity wrung some copies from them, and now without their consent have published it. And now since it is published and cannot be stopped, the Lord cause it to worke in all his, according to that which he hath given the promises for to worke in the hearts of his people, even to make them partakers of the divine nature. 2 Pet. 1. 4. And as a meanes to make them to take every day a little posy from the rest, one of the promises gathered together, and apply it to thy selfe, see how thou standest in need of it, and every word in it, and then apply it to thy selfe by faith, and let it stirre thee up to goe to God in prayer for the accomplishment of them unto thee, then wait in the diligent use of all meanes for the gaining of them, and you shall find God not onely making you heirs of promises, but you shall be comfortable possessors of those many good things which God hath promised to Beleevers. The more you meditate,

ditate, and the ofiner you pray upon them, the more good will you see in them, and find flow from them. I say no more, but I doubt not, but your experiences of good by these promises will be more then I can make knowne unto you. I desire the God of mercies, our loving father, in our Lord Iesus Christ, in whom all the promises are Yea and Amen, to make you dayly find experimentally, the truth of all his gracious promises.

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